



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES & RECREATION AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ CIVIC CENTER  
100 Civic Center Drive  
TUESDAY, November 5, 2013– 6PM

## **PB&R Commission Members:**

Tom Anderson, Chair  
Ron Cole, Vice Chair  
Kathy Hamilton  
Walt Howald  
Roy Englebrecht  
Marie Marston

## **Staff Members:**

Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent  
Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Director  
Teri Craig, Administrative Assistant

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## **1) CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER**

## **2) ROLL CALL**

## **3) NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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## **4) CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under **Consent Calendar 4A-4E** are considered by the PB&R Commission to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. The Commission Members have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending approval and there will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion unless members of the Commission, staff, or the public request a specific item to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Members of the public who wish to discuss a Consent Calendar item should come forward to the lectern upon invitation by the Chair.

### **A. Minutes of the October 1, 2013 and October 23, 2013 meetings.**

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

### **B. Parks & Operations Division Activity Report.**

Recommendation: Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.

### **C. Recreation & Seniors Services Activity Report.**

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report for activities for past and upcoming projects and events.

### **D. Tree Donation Request — Castaways Park**

Recommendation: Approve a tree donation in memory of former City Manager Kevin Murphy at Castaways Park by Tina Murphy.

### **E. Community Service Award — Newport Theatre Arts Center (NTAC) Board of Directors**

Recommendation: Approve nomination to recognize NTAC Board of Directors for 35 years of providing the arts to the community and direct staff to invite the Board of Directors to a future meeting for presentation

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## 5) **CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS – Staff Report**

### A. **Special Tree Removal — 619 & 621 Poppy Avenue**

Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood Eucalyptus (Desert Gum) tree located adjacent to 619 Poppy Avenue and to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood Eucalyptus (Desert Gum) trees located adjacent to 621 Poppy Avenue. These removals will mitigate potential liability due to sulfur fungus conks at 619 Poppy and a declining canopy and peeling bark at 621 Poppy Avenue.

### B. **Special Tree Removal — 1739 Candlestick Lane**

Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood tree located in the parkway at 1739 Candlestick Lane as the tree cannot be safely root pruned without incurring potential liability and possible tree failure.

### C. **Special Tree Removal — 330 Morning Canyon Road**

Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood tree located at 330 Morning Canyon Road to mitigate potential liability due to internal decay.

### D. **Special Tree Removal — 531 Hazel Drive**

Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood tree located on Poppy Avenue behind 5310 Hazel Drive due to evidence of root decay by the appearance of sulfur fungus conks.

### E. **Review of the Conceptual Plan of the CdM Pocket Park**

Recommendation: Review and approve CdM Pocket Park conceptual plan located north of the Hobie Surf Shop at 3140 East Coast Highway.

## 6) **PARKS, BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION / STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, AD HOC UPDATES OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

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## 8) **ADJOURNMENT**

## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

### Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting October 1, 2013 – 6pm

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#### 1) CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 6:04 p.m.

#### 2) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Anderson, Chair  
Ron Cole, Vice Chair  
Kathy Hamilton  
Walt Howald  
Roy Englebrecht  
Marie Marston

Absent: Jack Tingley (Excused)

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Director  
Dan Sereno, Parks Superintendent  
Teri Craig, Administrative Assistant

#### 3) NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

#### 4) CONSENT CALENDAR

A. **Minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular meeting.**

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. **Parks & Operations Division Activity Report.**

Recommendation: Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.

C. **Recreation & Seniors Services Activity Report.**

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report for activities for past and upcoming projects and events.

**Motion by Commissioner Howald:** seconded by Chair Anderson to accept items 4A – 4C of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by acclamation.

#### 5) CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS – Staff Report

A. **Uptown Newport Project – Review of Public Parks**

Recommendation: Review & approve park amenities on the two public park concepts for the Uptown Newport project totaling two (2) acres.

Superintendent Levin introduced the Uptown Newport Project and introduced Bryan Rupp, representing the Shopoff Group, architect Trent Knoll from Valley Crest and Rosalind Ung, from the Planning Department.

Mr. Rupp presented a brief background on the project, the entitlement process and the approval of the design process for the Master Site Improvements by the Planning Commission. He described the project, addressed the number of residential units, first and second phase developments, and the location of the proposed parks and maintenance of the parks by the homeowners association. He noted the in lieu fees and fee credits and that these parks are in addition to private amenities that will be included with the development. He reported that it is anticipated that development for the first phase will commence early in 2014 with occupancy in late 2015, early 2016. He added that it would be largely rental units with more for-sale units in the second phase.

Mr. Knoll from Valley Crest, presented information regarding the amenities proposed in the parks; addressed the site plan, landscaping, signage, private amenities for the projects, the spine road connecting the two parks, parking, secondary streets and paseo linkages. He presented details of the parks including the main entry, arrival plaza, open space, seating, activities, Tot Lots, themes, promenade, fountain courtyard, types of uses, art installations, canopy trees, enhanced paving areas, sunken lawn, access from the units, amenities for children, walled-in areas, sports courts and a multipurpose court.

Discussion followed regarding the location of parking, structured parking, bicycle parking, public restrooms, retail components, location of signage, phases of development, size of the parks, ownership and maintenance of the parks, security, ADA accessibility and location of restrooms at retail spaces, possible retail tenants, lease agreements to ensure access to public restrooms and the need for public restrooms in the parks.

Mr. Knoll stated that Phase two of the project is contingent on a lease by one of the tenants and that the earliest that it could get developed would be 2017 but could extend to 2027. He stated he would welcome an approval of both park concepts subject to changes that aren't in substantial conformance, which would then need to come back before the PB&R Commission.

Chair Anderson noted the importance of restroom facilities in the parks.

Mr. Knoll commented on the concept as comparable to the Irvine Spectrum. He stated that public restrooms would service the retail area and could service the parks as well.

Ensuing discussion pertained to the possibility of a tennis or pickle ball court, including amenities that would be used by residents in the area, the possibility of a basketball court, compliance with City ordinances and the need for security in the area.

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Jim Mosher questioned the role of the Commission regarding this project and commented on documents that were not accessible within the staff report. He referenced the Land-use Development Standards and Procedures and read from it in regards to accessibility to the parks and signs; and the flight and noise by the John Wayne Airport. He agreed that the restroom issue has not been well thought out and addressed art in the parks and shade structures.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

Discussion followed regarding the actions needed at this time.

Planner, Rosalind Ung stated that the action tonight for the PB&R is to determine if the amenities are practical, useable and feasible for the general public. She noted that staff will be working with the applicant as the project moves ahead.

Ensuing discussion pertained to the redundancy between the two parks, having different amenities in each park, security, and the need to return to the PB&R Commission for Phase two, making them active parks rather than passive, the ability to program events at the Phase one park and incorporating differences between the two parks. It is not anticipated that there will be a lot of children using the park.

Mr. Knoll reported that the fire feature had been eliminated.

**Motion by Vice Chair Cole**; seconded by Commissioner Howald to approve the park amenities with the following changes: that restrooms be implemented into the project either at the parks or the retail center and available for use when the park opens; that there be signage on Jamboree and that Phase two return to the Commission for approval when the lease ends. Motion carried by acclamation.

**B. Commission Liaison Appointment to the Blackball (Surfing Regulations) Working Group**

*Recommendation: Consider request of Recreation staff to appoint Vice Chair Ron Cole and Commissioner Jack Tingley as liaisons to the Newport Blackball Working Group coordinated by the Fire Department Marine Operations Division to review current surfing policies.*

Director Detweiler reviewed the recommendation as listed above. She reported that the Newport Blackball Working Group effort is being coordinated by the Fire Department and that the group will be tasked at reviewing current ordinances and making sure they are up to date and meeting the community's needs. She stated that they have met once and have another meeting scheduled for October 21, 2013. Director Detweiler indicated that any ordinance changes would come before the Commission as a whole before going to Council for final consideration.

Superintendent Levin addressed the importance of having a workshop with the community to obtain comments, feedback and ideas.

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Jim Mosher noted that the appointments being made are not for group members, but rather for liaisons who are usually non-voting observers.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

Vice Chair Cole reported the effort is being coordinated by Assistant Fire Chief Rob Williams and listed other participants.

**Motion by Commissioner Howald**; seconded by Chair Anderson to appoint Vice Chair Ron Cole and Commissioner Jack Tingley as liaisons to the Newport Blackball Working Group coordinated by the Fire Department Marine Operations Division to review current surfing policies. Motion carried by acclamation.

**C. MOD Presentation – Urban Forest Maintenance Program**

*Recommendation: Receive & file.*

Superintendent Sereno provided a PowerPoint presentation addressing the Newport Beach urban forest make-up, budget highlights, staffing, certified arborists, major accounts, Council policies and ordinances governing trees, Committees established to review some of the policies and ordinances, special trees, procedures for tree removal and the reforestation policy. Superintendent Sereno addressed preservation of views, maintenance and planning of parkway

trees, trimming cycle, pruning and the street tree designation list which is being reviewed by a committee. He reported on tree removal and planting, emergency services and the Commission's role.

Superintendent Sereno stated that Chair Anderson would attend the Arbor Day Celebration on October 23, 2013 at Mariner's Elementary School. He addressed requirements for being a Tree City USA and Growth Award requirements. He also reported on the challenges including bird nests, pests and diseases, development pressures and well as current Tree Division projects.

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Jim Mosher stated that when this presentation was provided to Council, that there was considerable public comment regarding tree removals without replacements. He commented on trees in Corona del Mar and areas where there are no trees. He addressed the City's street tree designation list, diseases for which there is no cure and steps that can be taken to prevent and spread them.

Joseph Mulroy reported he has a lemon drop eucalyptus tree in front of his house that has been causing problems for a number of years. He stated that the presentation was very helpful and urged support of his request for removal.

Chair Anderson noted that the tree referred to by Mr. Mulroy (1739 Candlestick Lane) is being considered later on the agenda.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

The report was received and filed.

**D. Special Tree Removal — 621 Poppy Avenue**

*Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood Eucalyptus (Desert Gum) tree located adjacent to 621 Poppy Avenue to mitigate a potential liability due to severe root loss, a declining canopy and an increased chance of failure and replaced with Australian Willow trees at the same location.*

Deputy Director Pisani presented details of the report and noted that the item was continued from a previous meeting because the resident of the subject property was unable to attend the meeting. He reported that she was unable to attend the present meeting but would like to proceed. He commented on a request for removal of a tree at 619 Poppy and noted that staff reviewed the tree and found that removal was not justified but that it would be monitored for signs of decline. The tree at 621 was determined to have severe root loss and removal was suggested to eliminate potential future liability. Subsequently, a large sulfur conk was observed on the tree at 619 and that matter will be presented next month for removal.

Discussion followed about the monitoring of both trees, the timeframe for tree failure, the condition of both trees, needing to be cautious in terms of liability, the possibility of considering both trees at the same time during an upcoming meeting and replacement trees to be planted and contacting the owner at 621 to discuss the type of replacement tree.

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Jim Mosher commented on sulfur conks and Council's recent action regarding a specific tree. He referenced the tree ordinance and expressed concerns with staff having the discretion to use a replacement tree other than what Council has approved on the tree designation list. He stated

the procedure states that the Commission has to recommend to Council that a tree is to be changed. Council must pass a resolution changing the designation before it can be planted.

Edward Elo expressed concerns that the street tree by his property is next to the sewer and reported that they have been hit by trucks and it has begun to lean in. He reported that he will be applying for a tree removal in the near future and felt that tree maintenance and safety is becoming an issue on Poppy.

It was noted that the tree-trimming contractor reports to staff regarding declining trees and that the City is more proactive than before in finding trees that have declined.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

Discussion followed regarding complying with the established process.

A request was made that staff provide pictures of damaged trees or infrastructure, pictures of the proposed replacement tree and maps for future meetings when removals are being presented to the Commission for their review.

**Motion by Commissioner Marston** to approve staff recommendations to remove the tree at 621 Poppy. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion followed regarding the suitability of the Australian Willow as a replacement tree.

**Motion by Commissioner Howald;** seconded by Commissioner Englebrecht to table the Special Tree Removal at 621 Poppy item until the request for 619 Poppy is ready so both trees can be reviewed at the same time. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Anderson, Cole, Englebrecht, Hamilton, Howald

Nay: Marston

Absent: Tingley

**E. Special Tree Removal — 547 Riverside Avenue**

*Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove two (2) City Special trees Neighborhood tree located at 547 Riverside Avenue to mitigate potential liability due to severe canopy decay and replaced with Australian Willow trees at the same location.*

Deputy Director Pisani presented details of the report noting that this type of tree is prone to tree failure and that staff recommends removal to mitigate potential liability due to severe canopy decay. He reported that it will be replaced with two Australian Willow trees at the same location.

Discussion followed regarding the proximity of the trees to homes.

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Tony Melum expressed concerns with the removal of trees, referenced the G-1 Policy and that he felt that it has not been complied with. He reported expecting objective information regarding the reasons for recommending removal noting that it seems to be just an opinion. He stated that there is a move to remove all large eucalyptus trees because of the issues surrounding them and hoped the Commission would table the matter until additional information is obtained and efforts made to save the tree.

Jim Mosher concurred with Mr. Melum's comments, referenced previous approval of the removal of four trees on Aliso Avenue and stated Council publicly approving the Australian Willow as the designated tree for this street.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

**Motion by Chair Anderson;** seconded by Commissioner Englebrecht to approve the Special Tree Removal request at 547 Riverside Avenue. Motion carried by acclamation.

**F. Special Tree Removal — 1739 Candlestick Lane**

*Recommendation: Consider request of MOD Staff to remove one (1) City Special tree – Neighborhood tree located in the parkway at 1739 Candlestick Lane as the tree cannot be safely root pruned without incurring potential liability and possible tree failure.*

Deputy Director Pisani presented details of the report and noted the reason for removal is that the site requires concrete work on the sidewalk, the lifted curb and gutter work .

Discussion ensued on the curb and gutter work needed without destroying the tree roots

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Jim Mosher commented on the lack of pictures showing damage and that he felt that healthy tree should be saved and efforts made to correct the infrastructure without removing the tree.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

**Motion by Commissioner Howald** to table the Special Tree Removal at 1739 Candlestick Lane until next month to allow staff to provide photographs of the subject site. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Motion by Vice Chair Cole;** seconded by Commissioner Howald to delay a decision of the Special Tree Removal at 1739 Candlestick Lane until more information is received, including pictures and information on the appeal of the removal at 300 Poppy and direction from City Council. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Cole, Englebrecht, Hamilton, Howald, Marston

Abstain: Anderson

Absent: Tingley

**G. Reforestation Request — 2201 Channel Road**

*Recommendation: Consider reforestation request from Paula Gonzales to remove one (1) City Carrotwood tree from 2201 Channel Road and replace with a 36" box Australian Willow at the site.*

Deputy Director Pisani presented details of the report with recommendations to consider reforestation request from Paula Gonzales to remove one (1) City Carrotwood tree from 2201 Channel Road and replace with a 36" box Australian Willow at the site.

It was noted that this is a healthy tree.

**Chair Anderson opened the public discussion.**

Jim Mosher commented on the petition, on the health of the tree and noted that the recommended tree is not on the tree designation list for that street.

**Chair Anderson closed the public discussion.**

Discussion followed regarding the dates on the petition, missing signatures and signatures from the same household.

It was noted that the G-1 Policy indicates a 90-day time limit.

**Motion by Commissioner Howald;** seconded by Commissioner Englebrecht to deny the Reforestation Request at 2201 Channel Road. Motion carried by acclamation.

**6) PARKS, BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION / STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Chair Anderson provided an update regarding the Special Tree List Ad Hoc Committee. He commented on the number of trees in the City and that the City staff does a great job in doing preserving trees. He noted that changes have occurred since the original development of the Special Tree List. He reported that in the future, trees will be picked according to the adult size and the space in which they will be planted.

Vice Chair Cole provided an update regarding the Blackball Liaison Working Group and reported that the workshop will be held on October 21, 2013 at 6pm in the Community Room at the Civic Center.

Director Detweiler reported she will email Commissioners regarding the upcoming luncheon at OASIS.

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Jim Mosher reminded the Commission that if there is any question about whether a decision could financially affect them personally then they should recuse themselves from a discussion, it is required that they state that recusal and leave the room prior to discussion of the item.

**8) ADJOURNMENT @ 8:37pm.**

Submitted by:

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Teri Craig, Admin Assistant

Approved by:

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Tom Anderson, Chair

## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

### Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting October 23, 2013 – 11:32AM

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#### 1) CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 11:32AM.

#### 2) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Anderson, Chair  
Walt Howald  
Roy Englebrecht (arrived @ 11:40am)  
Jack Tingley

Absent: Ron Cole, Vice Chair  
Kathy Hamilton  
Marie Marston

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Teri Craig, Administrative Assistant  
Celeste Jardine-Haug, Senior Services Manager

#### 3) NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

#### 4) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Diane Edmonds commented on the Blackball Meeting held earlier in the week. She stated that she wanted the rules to apply to everybody including body surfers.

Bob Cook stated that everyone deserves equal time at the Wedge. He went on to say that body surfers monopolize their use because of the rules that are in place now. He noted that over 2000 people have signed on to the petition and that they are willing if it becomes necessary to file a lawsuit. He would like the rules to change back to the way that they were 20 years ago.

Jim Mosher cautioned the Commission to avoid discussion of matters that might require future action and limit the meeting to an informational tour.

#### 5) TOUR OF THE OASIS SENIOR CENTER

Commissioner Howald introduced Friends of the OASIS President Kathy Stewart and former President Ed Romeo and former Mayor Evelyn Hart to the Commission.

Director Detweiler commented on the state-of-the-art senior center and introduced Senior Services Manager Celeste Jardine-Haug.

Manager Haug provided a tour to the Commission and public.

Mr. Romeo commented on the excellent qualifications of the staff noting that several of them are gerontologists and the seniors utilizing OASIS are provided care by an extremely qualified and helpful staff.

#### 6) Adjournment: 12:10pm

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Anderson, Chair



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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 4B  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** September Activity Report – Parks and Trees, and Operations Support Divisions

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### **Arbor Day Celebration**

The 2013 Arbor Day Celebration was held at Mariners Elementary School on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff planned the event with the assistance of School Principal Pamela Coughlin. Parks and Trees Superintendent Dan Sereno emceed the event and provided a presentation on the transformation of Newport Beach over the past 70 years, from an area with very few trees to one containing the urban forest of today. The day's festivities included (photos attached):

- Mayor ProTem Rush Hill presenting the Arbor Day Proclamation to Principal Coughlin, the Student Council, and over 100 third grade students;
- Tom Anderson, Chair of the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission, speaking on the importance of trees as a natural resource;
- Lynnette Short, Urban Forester (Southern Region) with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, presenting the Tree City USA Flag to the Student Council President and Growth Award to Mayor ProTem Hill;
- Five 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students reading their poems on trees (copies attached); and
- Dan Sereno and John Conway leading the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in the planting of two trees adjacent to the school at Mariners Park.

### **PARKS MAINTENANCE:**

Parks Maintenance Division staff continues working with the Public Works and Recreation and Senior Services Departments on numerous projects in the planning and construction phases.

### Field Maintenance Activities



Over the past month, the newly-placed Parks and Facilities contractor, Pinnacle Landscape, has been performing various athletic field maintenance activities. After some deliberation, the weekly athletic field mowing is being performed at the desired height. Additionally, all the City's athletic fields have been aerated. Aeration of turf areas helps grass roots grow deeper and stronger, improves water penetration and drainage, and alleviates compaction from regular use.

### **OPERATIONS SUPPORT:**

#### Removal of Inlet Guards

This week, the Storm Drain Maintenance Crew started the removal of 435 inlet guards in front of catch basins on Balboa Boulevard, Balboa Island, and portions of Coast Highway in West Newport and Corona Del Mar to minimize the potential for flooding during the upcoming winter/rainy season. The program was implemented eleven years ago, and the inlet guards have proven to be one of the best structural improvements that the City has made in order to improve water quality and to keep trash and other debris from entering into our harbor and ocean during the dry spring and summer months.

#### Maintenance of Facility Rooftops

Last month, MOD staff was contacted by California Department of Fish & Wildlife personnel regarding the increase in seagull activity on the rooftops of the Back Bay Science Center. Our steam cleaning contractor removed large amounts of guano from the roof shingles, which took half a day to complete. Staff is currently working with a local exterminating company to come up with a bird deterrent device/plan that will be suitable for this site.



The most common gulls in the Upper Newport Bay area are the Western, California, Ring-Billed, and Heermann's, all protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Gulls typically feed on land or water on aquatic animals, terrestrial invertebrates and small vertebrates, plant remains, carrion and refuse from people eating outdoors. The presence of gulls roosting/loafing near waterways increases the potential for transmitting diseases to human population and causes an on-going nuisance.

#### End of Summer Activities

Municipal Operations Department staff worked Saturday and Sunday schedules for summer activities during the 17 weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Crew members from the Operations Support Division continued to maintain the high level of cleanliness and safety in the beach areas and surrounding commercial districts for the summer visitors who come to enjoy the City beaches. Among the daily summer maintenance activities is the summer supplemental restroom cleaning program, which is in its 13<sup>th</sup> successful year. An on-site contract attendant restocks paper products and provides cleaning into the early evening hours in facilities at the Newport and Balboa Piers, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington Street, Corona Del Mar State Beach, Little Corona/Buck Gully, and on Balboa Island. The seasonal service ended on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

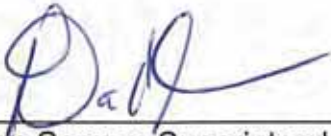
#### TREES:

As part of the City's overall grid and annual trimming schedule, the City's tree service contractor pruned trees within the Newport Heights, Irvine Terrace, and Balboa Island areas. Additionally, annual pruning of Coral, Orchid, and Palm trees are occurring throughout the City.

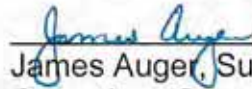
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In addition, staff responded to a tree failure at 336 Morning Canyon Road on October 5, 2013 (see attached photos). The tree involved was a Special Tree – Neighborhood Tree, and will be replaced with another Kafferboom Coral tree.

Prepared by:

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Dan Sereno, Superintendent  
Parks and Trees Division

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James Auger, Superintendent  
Operations Support Division

Attachments

Arbor Day 10/23/2013  
Mariners Elementary







DLTK's Crafts for  
Kids

# Trees

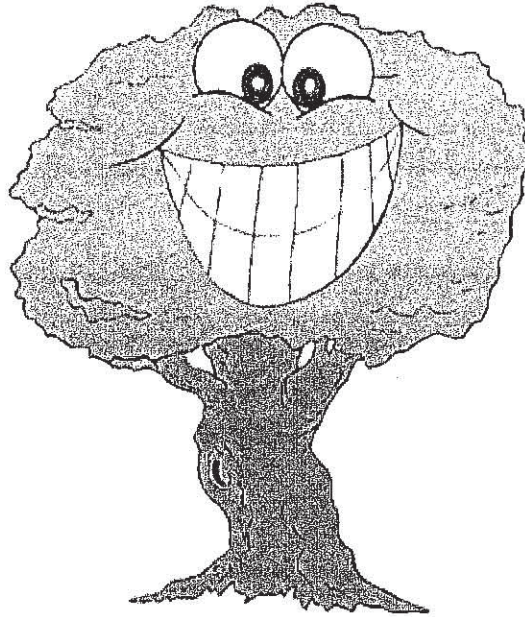
by Harry Behn

Trees are the  
kindest things I  
know,  
They do no harm,  
they simply grow  
And spread a  
shade for sleepy  
cows,  
And gather birds  
among their bows.

They give us fruit  
in leaves above,  
And wood to make  
our houses of,  
And leaves to burn  
on Halloween  
And in the Spring  
new buds of green.

They are first when  
day's begun  
To tough the  
beams of morning  
sun,  
They are the last to  
hold the light  
When evening  
changes into night.

And when a moon  
floats on the sky  
They hum a



Trees are the kindest things I know,  
They do no harm, they simply grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows  
And gather birds among their bows.

They give us fruit in leaves above,  
And wood to make our houses of,  
And leaves to burn on Halloween  
And in the Spring new buds of green.

They are first when day's begun  
To tough the beams of morning sun,  
They are the last to hold the light  
When evening changes into night.

And when a moon floats on the sky  
They hum a drowsy lullaby  
Of sleepy children long ago...  
Trees are the kindest things I know.

Trees poster/coloring  
page  
(color) or (B&W)

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## Open House

If I were a tree I'd want to see a bird with a song on a branch of me.

I'd want a quick little squirrel to run up and down and around, for fun.

I'd want the cub of a bear to call, and a porcupine, big, and a tree toad, small.

I'd want a katydid out of sight on one of my leaves to sing at night.

And down by my roots I'd want a mouse with six little mouselings in her house.--Aileen Fisher

## TREES FOR AMERICA

Plant a tree for your tomorrow. It's your tree that clears the air. Plant a tree, trees for America. Plant a tree today for all the world to share. Taste the breeze, it's life inside you, make a promise to the earth. Plant a tree, now is the time to recognize a tree for all that it is worth. Plant a tree for your tomorrow. Plant a tree that clears the air. Plant a tree, trees for America. Plant a tree today for all the world to share.

# Trees



Trees, trees  
Home of the bees,



Home of the seeds,  
The buds,  
And the leaves...  
Home of a bird,  
A chipmunk,  
A bat...



Trees make their own food,  
But never get fat!!!

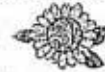


They live quite a while,  
Like a very long time,  
Get older than Grandpa,  
And Grandma combined!  
For tens,  
And hundreds,  
And thousands of years,

They give shade to our picnics,



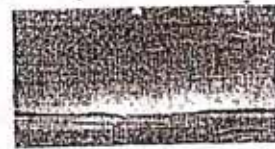
And food to our deers...  
And all trees make flowers,



And all trees make fruits,



And all trees have trunks,



Because trees give us things,  
That we need to survive,

Like  $O_2$  (or oxygen) to breathe,  
To live and to thrive...  
And trees don't take much,  
for all that they give,  
They only need sunlight,  
And water to live...



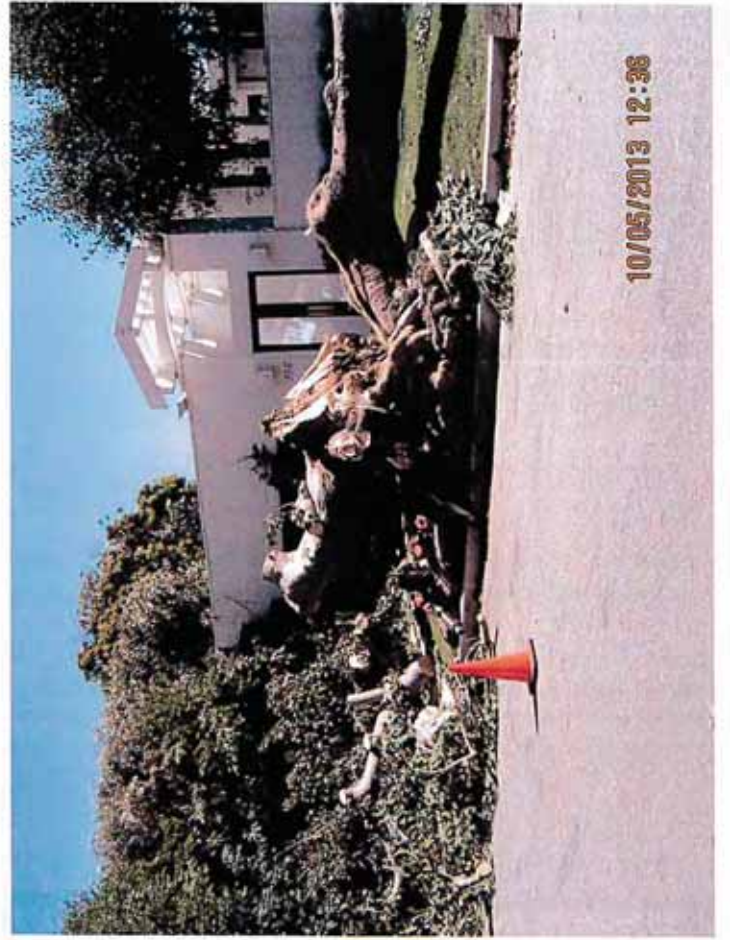
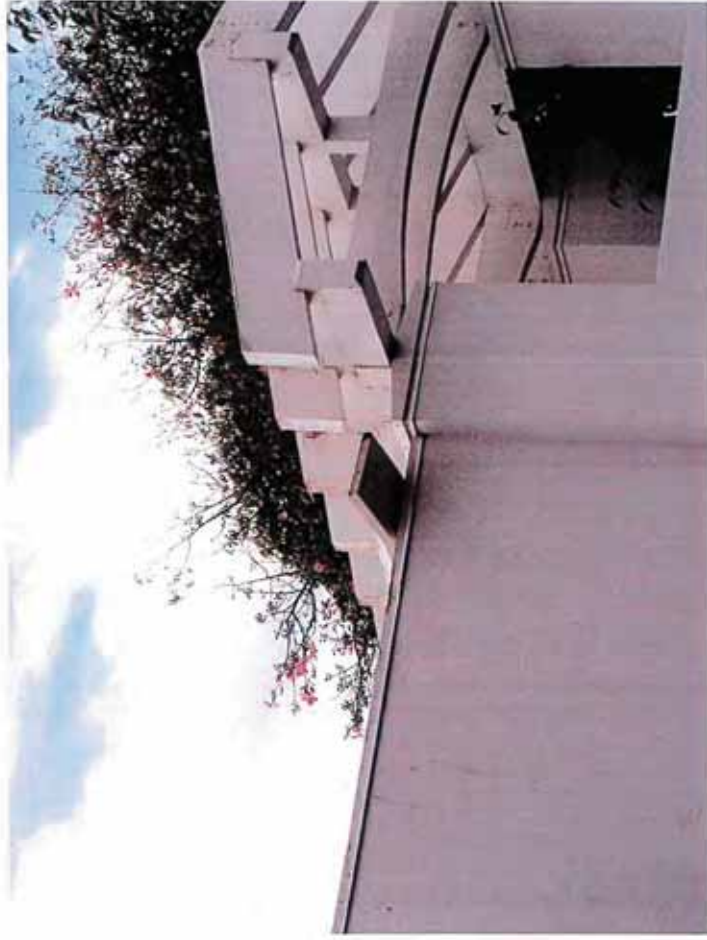
Well maybe some soil,  
To hold themselves up,  
And maybe some love,  
So they don't get cut up...



Cut down or cut up,  
However you view it,  
We all need green trees,  
So save one,  
Just do it!!!



Photos: 10/5/2013  
Tree Failure  
at  
336 Morning Canyon Rd



10/05/2013 12:38



## Recreation Services Monthly Activities Report

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To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

From: Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent  
Celeste Jardine-Haug, Senior Services Manager

Re: Recreation & Senior Services Department Monthly Activities Report

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### **Tribute Band Rocks OASIS Courtyard!**

The Beach Boys Tribute Band concert was a big success with 240 people in attendance. The concert was held in the courtyard on a nice warm Saturday evening. Most brought their beach chairs and enjoyed a box dinner that was provided by staff. Wine and beer was sold by the Friends of OASIS Travel volunteers. This is the second outdoor concert held this summer season and the participants are asking for more. The staff looks forward to bringing more great events such as this one to the community.



### **Hootenanny in the Heights!**

The Recreation & Senior Services Department partnered with Councilman Tony Petros to put on Hootenanny in the Heights on September 22. The event took place at Cliff Drive Community Center and Park with festivities lasting from 11:30am-2:00pm. The event brought together the surrounding community for an afternoon full of music, games, crafts, and a good old fashioned BBQ. A special thanks to our grill masters, the Newport Beach Firefighter Association, for their participation at the event.





### **Rummage Sale, Come One, Come All!**

The Friends of OASIS's held their annual Rummage Sale on October 4 and 5. This event involved at least 100 volunteers who worked tirelessly for two weeks sorting and pricing items before the event and then another two days working the event itself. This fundraiser usually makes about 15 to 20 thousand dollars and it is their largest moneymaker of the year.



### **OASIS Fitness Center Turns "3"**

On October 1 OASIS celebrated the Fitness Center turning 3 years old with banners, snacks, balloons and a beautiful basket of goodies to be raffled off. In order to enter the raffle, fitness center members were required to find someone on staff and to share something about themselves. The Fitness Center is not your typical gym, it's has more of a family atmosphere, and this allowed staff and members alike to visit and get to know each other a little better. Through the celebration and raffle, staff and some of the 1900 fitness members were able to get better acquainted.



### **Newport Coast Community Center Brings Season Greetings!**

Fall arrived at the Newport Coast Community Center. ~~With~~ <sup>With</sup> 60 different classes to choose from. The Center added new Parent and Me Dance classes, youth tap and ballet, Pilates boot camp, Mommy and Me Volleyball, Pop Star Sing and Dance and of course, Pickleball! The Center also welcomed back Irvine Valley College's daily adult Fitness and weekly Pilates classes.



Planning is under way for winter 2014 programs, including preparation for the Center's first Breakfast with Santa event on Friday, December 6, 9:30-11am. Cost is \$15 for children ages 2 and up (includes one adult); free for children under the age of 2. Additional adults are \$15/each. For more information and to register, please contact the Newport Coast Community Center at 270-8100.





## **COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2013**

This year the City's marine protection staff hosted over 500 volunteers, and collected nearly 600 pounds of trash from the Santa Ana River to Crystal Cove State Park! This was their biggest turnout to date. Volunteers learned about marine debris, and the value of healthy coastal ecosystems, while contributing to an amazing project!

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day. Families, friends, coworkers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs, and individuals come together to celebrate and share their appreciation of our fabulous coast and

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## **WHY ARE BEACH CLEANUPS IMPORTANT?**

Vast amounts of plastic debris litter the world's oceans causing all manner of harm, and most of this debris comes from land. Our beaches are collecting spots for trash from city streets and highways. Trash travels - via inland waterways, storm drains, sewers, and on the wind, and eventually ends up on the coast. If not removed, this debris will end up in the ocean. Beach cleanups are a last line of defense - to prevent debris from causing harm to our oceans, to wildlife, to our coastal economies, and even to beach-goers!



## **CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF COASTAL CLEANUP DAY?**

Marine protection hosts monthly cleanups the last Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon. Contact [swelsh@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:swelsh@newportbeachca.gov) for more information, or to sign up.



## **Flu Shots at OASIS**

On October 16 OASIS staff joined with Hoag Hospital to provide flu shots to seniors. Hoag Hospital Department of Community Health provided the vaccine and the nurses to administer the injections. OASIS provided volunteers to help with crowd control and registration for the 221 seniors who received the injection. The two hour clinic was run efficiently with happy flu shot recipients.

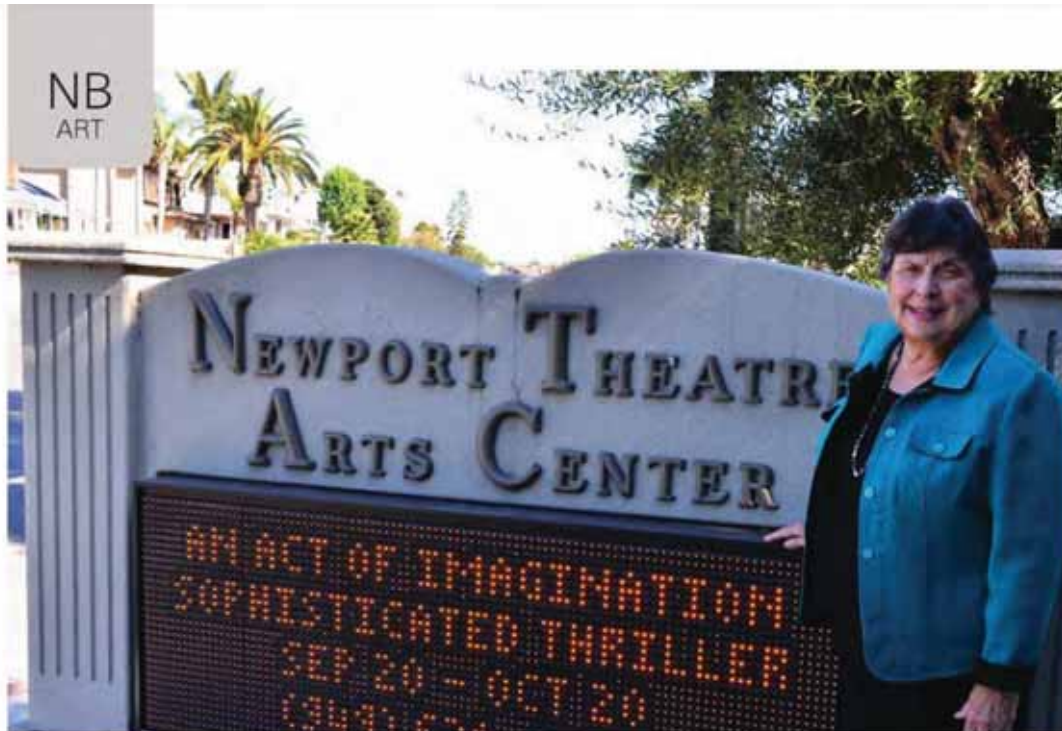


## Medicare 2014 Explained

It's a new year and seniors are concerned that there will be changes to Medicare that they will not understand. OASIS will host a presentation by HICAP (Health Insurance and Counseling Program) on Wednesday, October 23 to clarify the changes for the new year. Everyone is concerned about the Affordable Care Act and how it will affect them. It is important to understand the updates, new premiums and covered services.

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#### 'QUEEN OF THE DESERT' COMES TO SEGERSTROM

In 1994, it became a cinematic cult classic. Now a Tony Award-winning sensation, "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" sings its way onto the Segerstrom Center for the Arts stage Oct. 22-27.

The musical follows three friends who travel throughout the Australian outback in an old, battered lavender bus, performing their flamboyantly extravagant musical numbers along the way. As they search for love and friendship, the trio experiences strange encounters and comedic circumstances, all of which strengthens the friendship even more.

This Broadway hit—nominated for a Laurence Olivier Award for best new musical—features 500 costumes and more than 20 musical numbers, such as "It's Raining Men," "Finally" and "I Will Survive." (714-556-2787; scfta.org)



This October, "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" comes to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

#### Coming Soon to Newport Theatre Arts Center's 2013/2014 Season:

- "An Act of Imagination," Sept. 20 - Oct. 2
- "Boeing Boeing," Nov. 15 - Dec. 15
- "The Children's Hour," Jan. 24 - Feb. 23, 2014
- "Dividing the Estate," March 28 - April 27, 2014
- "Company," May 30 - June 23, 2014

## **Park Patrol**

Requested calls are assigned visits by staff or schedule or phone requests. Customer Contacts are the number of times they stopped and spoke to customers other than requested calls. Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary). During the month of **September** Park Patrol had the following number of contacts:

### **1. REQUESTED Calls**

- 83 with Youth Sports Groups
- 57 Field related issues/checks
- 3 Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks
- 56 Community Center issues/checks
- 65 Playground checks
- 37 other
- CdM Beach Contacts
  - 30 BBQ
  - 29 Charcoal
  - 19 Tents

### **2. PUBLIC CONTACTS**

- 154 Education
- 14 Alcohol
- 140 Dog related

Written Warning Issued: 2 for parking violations

Citations Issued – 9 issued — 8 for parking violations; 1 for dog off leash at Arroyo Park

## **FACILITY RENTALS & SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS**

During the period of September 16 – October 15, 2013 there were:

- 14 Picnic/Park Area Rentals
- 4 Room Rentals
- 1 Field Rentals
- 4 Gym Rentals
- 4 OASIS Classroom
- 2 OASIS Event Center

As of October 15, 2013, there were 267 Special Event Permits processed and issued for the year.

Those events of note for this period are:

**Race for the Cure:** Fashion Island, 9/22- Attendance: 30,000

**NB Surf Championships:** 54<sup>th</sup> Street Beach, 9/28-29- Attendance: 400

**Newport Elementary School Car Show:** School Site, 10/5- Attendance: 500

**Art in the Park:** Civic Center, 10/12- Attendance: 1000

# OASIS UTILIZATION REPORT

September 2013

<b>PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING</b>		<b>12,254 CUSTOMERS</b>
<b>RECREATIONAL CLASSES (July-August-Sept)</b>		<b>15,095 CUSTOMERS</b>
<b>FITNESS CENTER</b>		<b>5,885 CUSTOMERS</b>
<b>PERSONALIZED SERVICES PROVIDED</b>		<b>2,434 CUSTOMERS</b>
Includes:		
Blood Pressure	48	Medical Equipment Rentals 40
Counseling-Persons	55	Rental Inquiries 35
Eldercare	0	Rentals (Paid) 9
Employment	20	Senior Assessment(hrs) 25
HICAP	8	Telephone Reassurance 190
Housing Counseling	30	Visual Screening n/a
Information and Referral	1965	Taxes (Seasonal) n/a
Legal Assistance	9	
<b>SENIORS RECEIVING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</b>		<b>1,201 RIDERS</b>
Care-A-Van/Shuttle		
<b>CUSTOMERS RECEIVING NOON MEALS @ OASIS</b>		<b>1,625 CUSTOMERS</b>
*includes meals on wheels		
<b>VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CENTER</b>		<b>2,412 HOURS</b>
Includes:		(incl Rummage Sale Volunteers)
Kitchen & Home Delivered Meals		
Front Office	Travel Office	
Gift Shop	Library	
Instructors	President	
Treasurer	Vice President	
Bookkeeper	Taxes	
<b>PARTICIPANTS IN FRIENDS OF OASIS TRAVEL</b>		<b>112 CUSTOMERS</b>
<u>Day Trips</u>		<u>Long Trips</u>
Coronado by Land/Canals	40	
Barona Casino	48	
Museum of Tolerance	24	
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS/SCREENINGS/LECTURES</b>		<b>997 PERSONS</b>
Thursday Night Bunco	24	Down with Falls 30
Monday Night Football	9	Successful Aging 60
Concert in the Courtyard	250	Stroke Seminar 75
Misc. Activities	549	

UPCOMING

RECREATION  
& SENIOR SERVICES

EVENTS

November 23

*Buck Gully Reserve Loop Hike - Free gam*

OASIS Senior Center (parking lot @ Fifth & Iris)

November 27

*Thanksgiving Luncheon - Free Noon*

OASIS Senior Center (801 Narcissus Ave)

December 6

*Breakfast with Santa - 9:30 am - 11:00 am \$15*

Newport Coast Community Center (6401 San Joaquin Hills Road)

DECEMBER 8

*Buck Gully Reserve Upper Loop Sunset Hike- 3:30 pm Free*

Newport Coast Community Center (6401 San Joaquin Hills Road)

DECEMBER 13

*California Holly & Other Winter Flora- 9:00 am Free*

OASIS Senior Center (parking lot @ Fifth & Iris)

DECEMBER 14

*Marine Protected Area Hike - 1:00 pm Free*

Little Corona Lifeguard Tower

DECEMBER 17

*Winter Wonderland Walk in Buck Gully - 2:00 pm Free*

Newport Coast Community Center (6401 San Joaquin Hills Road)

January 1, 2014

*Tournament of Roses Parade Excursion - 5:00 am - 1:00 pm \$125*

Meet at OASIS to board Deluxe Charter Bus

visit [www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation) or call 949.644.3151



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**NEWPORT BEACH**  
**PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 4D  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Tree Donation Request – Castaways Park

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission approve a tree donation request at Castaways Park in memory of Former City Manager Kevin Murphy.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Council Policy B-17 establishes criteria for parks, facilities, and recreation program donations within the City. The policy is structured to establish a fair and uniform procedure for making gifts to the City, and to make the donation process easier for staff and donors.

The City has received a donation request from Ms. Tina Murphy (Attachment A) to donate a tree at Castaways Park (Attachment B). The donated tree will be a Torrey Pine tree (Attachment C) and will be planted from a 36" box container. While we generally do not accept tree donations at this park, this tree will fill a vacancy outside the trail on the western edge, overlooking the intersection of Dover and Cliff Drives. It will not block any views and is well suited for the location. The cost of the donation will include the 10% maintenance fee recently approved with the revision to Council Policy B-17.

Since the value of the tree is greater than \$1,000.00, the donation is eligible to receive a dedicatory plaque. The submitted plaque verbiage, which complies with City Council Policy B-17, is "In Memory of Kevin Murphy".

**NOTICING:**

Ms. Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Rush Hill have received a copy of this report and a notice of the Commission meeting.

Submitted by:



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Mike Pisani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

- Attachments:
- A. Tree Donation Application
  - B. Park and location map and photograph
  - C. Torrey Pine tree photograph



## Gifts for Tomorrow Order Request Form

Item #	Description
	36-inch box Torrey Pine tree for Castaways Park

### Contact Information

Tina Murphy  
Name  
1101 Nottingham Rd.  
Mailing Address  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
949/874-5452  
Phone  
Ktia L Murphy  
Signature

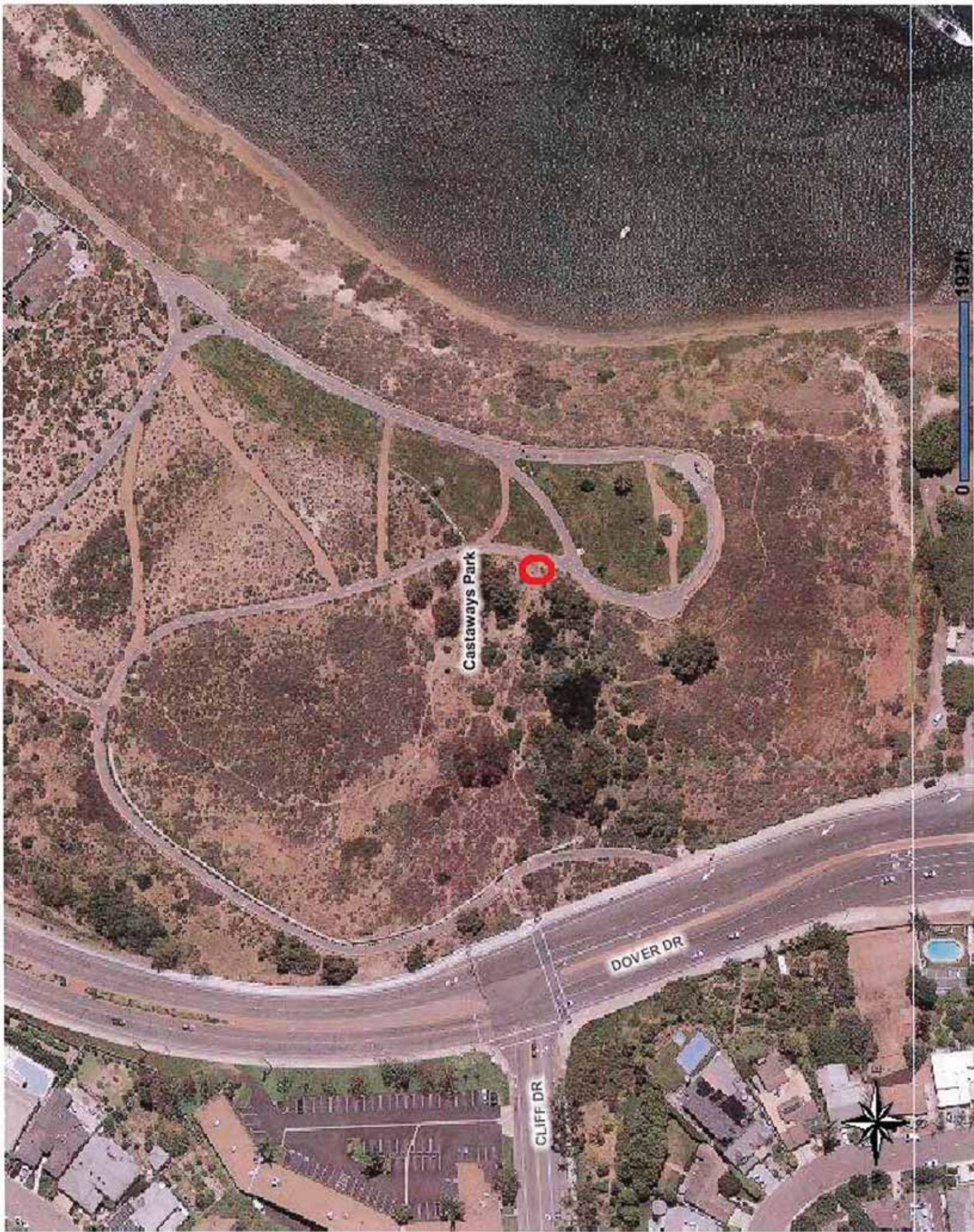
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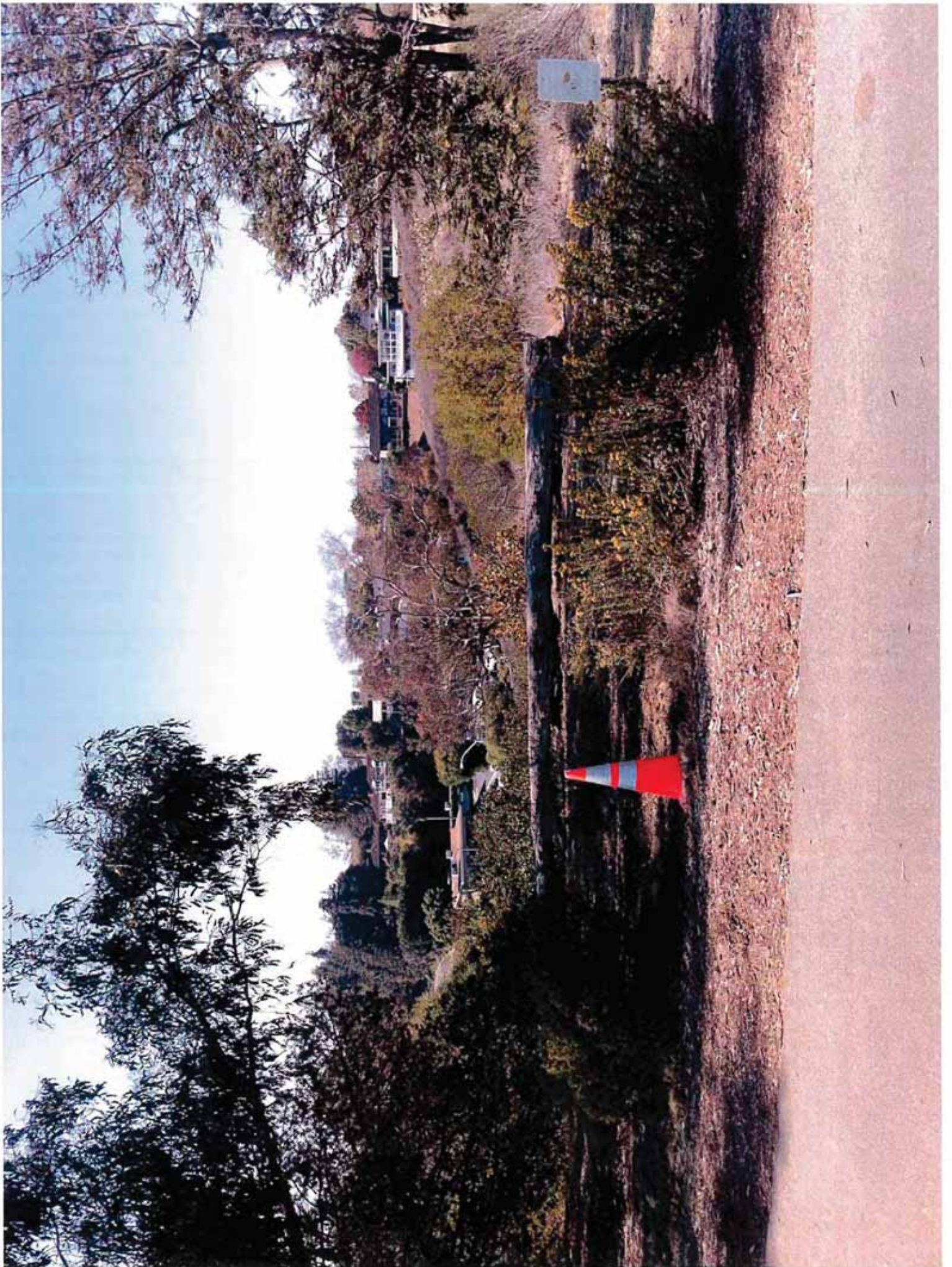
Donors may elect to provide a dedicatory plaque if the value of the donation is greater than \$1,000. Contact city staff for more information.

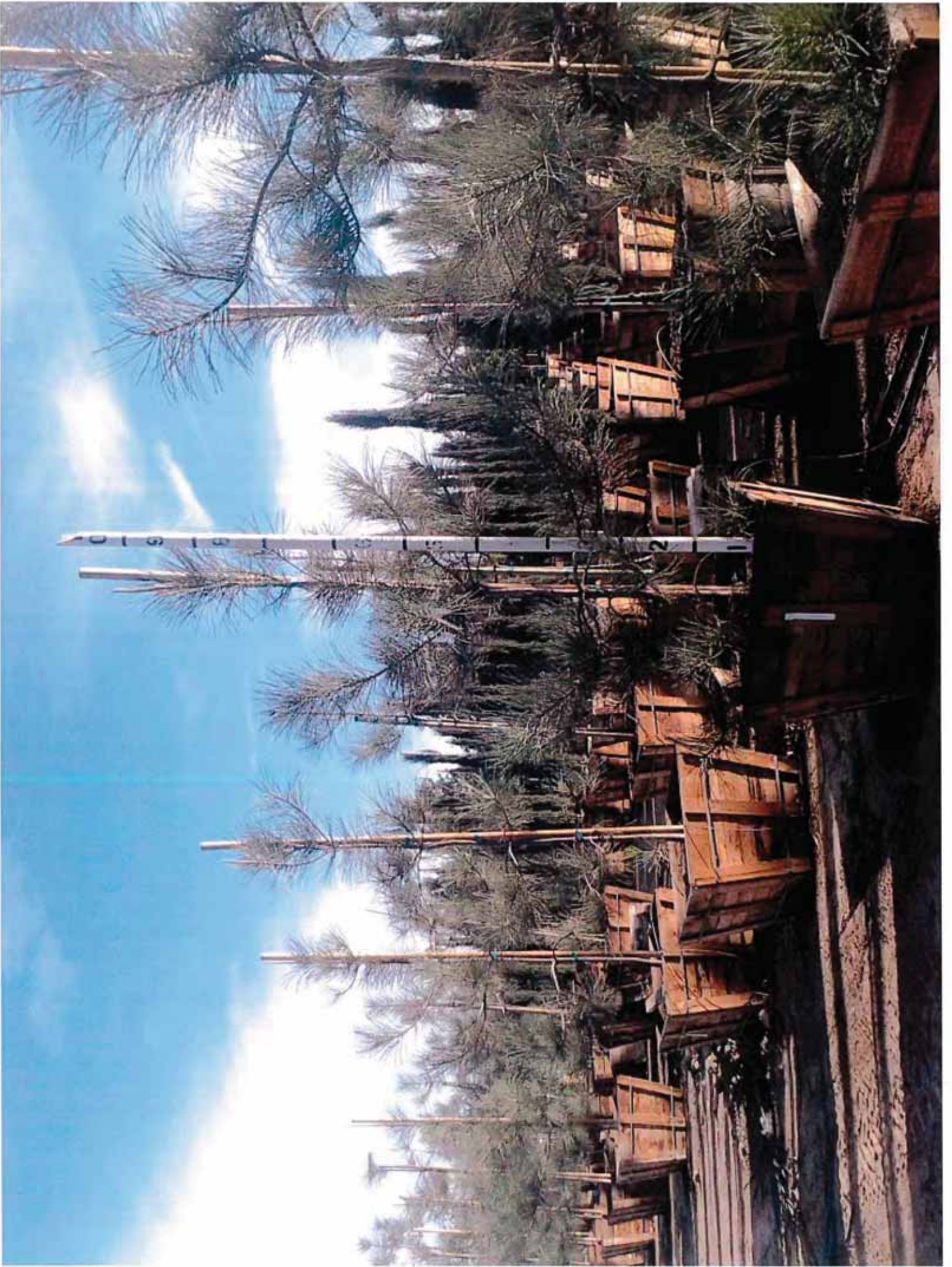
☒ Yes, I am interested in dedicatory plaque for my donation.

Plaque is donated for,

Kevin Murphy  
First Name Last Name









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# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item No. 4E  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Department  
Laura Detweiler, Rec & Sr Service Director  
949-644-3157, [LDetweiler@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:LDetweiler@newportbeachca.gov)

**PREPARED BY:** Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent

**TITLE:** Community Service Award

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Community Service Award recognition of Newport Theatre Arts Center (NTAC) (Attachment A) and direct staff to invite the NTAC Board of Directors to a future meeting to be recognized.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Community Service Award is presented by the PB&R Commission in the spirit of showing their appreciation to those individuals who contribute to the community and improve the quality of life in Newport Beach.

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- David Colley-VP of Administration
- Harriet Whitmyer-Recording Secretary
- Jerry Nininger-Treasurer
- Brenda Abshear-Properties
- Stan Cohen-Public Relations
- Michelle Bendetti-Publicity
- Ron Yee-Media & Technology

The Board has been a fabulous partner to the City and of most importance a stellar provider for Arts in our community. A recent article in Newport Beach Magazine (Attachment B) illustrates the treasured history of the NTAC and their community contributions. The NTAC meets all four Community Service Award Procedure selection criterion as outlined in Attachment C.

Per the Community Service Award guidelines this item is being brought forward after receiving support by a majority of the PB&R Commission Community Service Award Ad Hoc Committee.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

Attachments:   A. Award Application  
                  B. Newport Beach Magazine Article  
                  C. Community Service Award Procedure

**Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission  
Community Service Award  
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee Newport Theatre Arts Center Board of Directors

Address 2501 Cliff Drive

Phone 949-631-0288 e-mail [President@ntaonline.com](mailto:President@ntaonline.com)

Program involvement Board of Directors for the Newport Theater Arts Center

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Explain why you are nominating this person:

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Your name: Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent Phone: 949-644-3159

Relationship to Nominee: Liaison to NTAC

Your email: [slevin@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:slevin@newportbeachca.gov)

Address: 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Please submit this application for consideration to:

Community Service Awards  
c/o Recreation & Senior Services Dept.  
100 Civic Center Drive  
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For questions please call: 949-644-3151

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#### 'QUEEN OF THE DESERT' COMES TO SEGERSTROM

In 1994, it became a cinematic cult classic. Now a Tony Award-winning sensation, "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" sings its way onto the Segerstrom Center for the Arts stage Oct. 22-27.

The musical follows three friends who travel throughout the Australian outback in an old, battered lavender bus, performing their flamboyantly extravagant musical numbers along the way. As they search for love and friendship, the trio experiences strange encounters and comedic circumstances, all of which strengthens the friendship even more.

This Broadway hit—nominated for a Laurence Olivier Award for best new musical—features 500 costumes and more than 20 musical numbers, such as "It's Raining Men," "Finally" and "I Will Survive." (714-556-2787; scfca.org)



This October, "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" comes to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

#### Coming Soon to Newport Theatre Arts Center's 2013/2014 Season:

"An Act of Imagination," Sept. 20 - Oct. 2  
 "Boeing Boeing," Nov. 15 - Dec. 15  
 "The Children's Hour," Jan. 24 - Feb. 23, 2014  
 "Dividing the Estate," March 28 - April 27, 2014  
 "Company," May 30 - June 23, 2014

## **Community Service Award**

The Community Service Award is presented by the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission in the spirit of showing their appreciation to those individuals who contribute to the community and improve the quality of life in Newport Beach.

Awarded to individuals, agencies, community organizations, foundations, businesses, or educational institutions for outstanding public service in the support of creating community through people, parks and programs. Recipients are chosen based upon their significant effort of time and/or monetary contributions to influence and improve the quality of the Newport Beach community through parks, recreation, senior and community services.

### **Procedure:**

Nominations will be accepted from Commissioners, staff and residents anytime when deemed appropriate throughout the year on the attached form. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted. A subcommittee consisting of three Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission will review the nominations. Nominations that receive a majority of the subcommittee vote will be presented to the full commission for final vote at a future Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting. Presentation to the award winner will be made at the earliest available Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting that the award winner is able to attend.

1. Selection Criterion (at least 3 criterion must be met)

Be a resident of the City of Newport Beach or actively teaching or volunteering in the community.

2. Active in Newport Beach Recreation, Parks or Senior programs for at least one year.
3. Contributed to the development or improvement of new equipment, apparatus, facilities or programs in Newport Beach.
4. Proven record of outstanding volunteer service to the delivery of park and recreation services or programs for the City of Newport Beach.



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**NEWPORT BEACH**  
**PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 5A  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Special Tree Removal Requests – 619 and 621 Poppy Avenue

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the removals of two Special City Trees, Neighborhood Trees at 619 and 621 Poppy Avenue.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is requesting approval for the removal of two *Eucalyptus rudis* (Desert Gum) trees located adjacent to 619 and 621 Poppy Avenue. Originally, the property owner at 619 Poppy Avenue requested removal of trees at 619 and 621 Poppy Avenue following the failure of a tree at 721 Poppy Avenue.

***619 Poppy Avenue Tree***

During an inspection on September 24, 2013, the Parks and Tree Superintendent and Urban Forester found sulfur fungus conks in the soil around the *Eucalyptus rudis* (Desert Gum) tree in the parkway 619 Poppy Avenue due to evidence of root decay by the appearance of sulfur fungus conks. Conks indicate internal decay and potential tree failure at the soil line or below ground.

***621 Poppy Avenue Tree***

The September 3, 2013 Commission meeting agenda included a report to consider the approval for the removal of one *Eucalyptus rudis* (Desert Gum) tree located in the parkway at 621 Poppy Avenue. The item was continued at the October 1, 2013 Commission meeting to be combined with the tree at 619 Poppy Avenue. A copy of the report from the September meeting is attached. The tree at 621 Poppy is rapidly deteriorating, as shown by the declining canopy and peeling bark. Additionally, the tree has incurred severe root loss over the years due to hardscape work and property development.

Both these trees are listed as a Special City Tree under Neighborhood Trees. City Council Policy G-1, Retention or Removal of City Trees, Special City Trees, Neighborhood Trees, requires that the PB&R Commission approve the removal of a Special Tree.

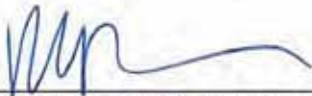
Since these are listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and promote the overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb failure, application of insecticide to control psyllid infestation, and fertilization to improve the overall health.

If the removals are approved, an Australian Willow (Attachment D) replacement tree will be planted at the 619 Poppy Avenue location. Staff will be planting the Australian Willow due to the lack of availability of the designated street tree, Coral Gum. No replacement tree will be planted at 621 Poppy Avenue due to it being an inappropriate planting site. Staff has attached the Tree Inspection Reports, Tree Removal Reviews (Attachments A & B), and photographs related to this request (Attachment C).

**NOTICING:**

Adjacent homeowners and Council Member Nancy Gardner have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners (Attachment E) were notified of the Commission Meeting related to this removal request via postcard. The attached poster (Attachment F) was posted on the tree for removal the week of October 21.

Submitted by:



Mike Pisani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

- Attachments:
- A. Agenda Item No. 5B from September 3, 2013 PB&R Meeting (Special Tree Removal Request – 621 Poppy Avenue), includes Tree Inspection Report and Tree Removal Review for 621 Poppy Avenue
  - B. Tree Inspection Report and Tree Removal Review for 619 Poppy Avenue
  - C. Related photographs
  - D. Australian Willow tree photograph
  - E. Map (highlighting surrounding property owners notified)
  - F. Tree Poster



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**NEWPORT BEACH**

**PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 5B  
September 3, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Special Tree Removal Request – 621 Poppy Avenue

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the removal of one Special City Tree, Neighborhood Tree at 621 Poppy Avenue.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is requesting approval for the removal of one *Eucalyptus rudis* (Desert Gum) tree located adjacent to 621 Poppy Avenue. The tree is listed as a Special City Tree under Neighborhood Trees. City Council Policy G-1, Retention or Removal of City Trees, Special City Trees, Neighborhood Trees, requires that the PB&R Commission approve the removal of a Special Tree.

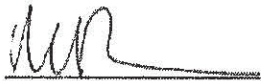
The property owner at 619 Poppy Avenue requested removal of trees at 619 and 621 Poppy Avenue following the failure of a tree at 721 Poppy Avenue. Removal of the tree at 619 Poppy Avenue is not justified at this time, but that tree will be monitored for signs of decline in the future.

The Urban Forester and Parks/Trees Superintendent determined the tree at 621 Poppy Avenue must be removed to mitigate a potential liability. This tree has severe root loss, a declining canopy and an increased chance of failure. If the removal is approved, replacement Australian Willow trees will be planted at the same location. Staff has attached the Tree Inspection Report, Tree Removal Review, and photographs related to this request (Attachment A).

**NOTICING:**

Adjacent homeowners and Council Member Nancy Gardner have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners (Attachment B) were notified of the Commission Meeting related to this removal request via postcard. Trees for removal were physically posted on August 19<sup>th</sup> with the attached poster (Attachment C).

Submitted by:



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Mike Plsani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

- Attachments:
- A. Tree Inspection Report, Tree Removal Review, and related photographs
  - B. Map (highlighting surrounding property owners notified)
  - C. Tree Poster



## Municipal Operations Department

July 9, 2013

TO: Deputy Operations Department Director

FROM: Parks and Trees Superintendent and Urban Forester

SUBJECT: **Tree Removal Request**

PROPERTY OWNER(S) INFORMATION: Name: **Rebecca Colafrancesco**  
Tree: **619 Poppy Avenue / Front 1**  
Location: **621 Poppy Avenue / Front 1**

The property owner requests the removal of two City Desert Gum trees due to recent tree failure at 719 Poppy Avenue.

A field inspection determined the tree located at 619 Poppy Avenue is currently not hazardous and in good health. There is no evidence of the tree declining or a potential for tree failure, currently. However, there is evidence of recent property development and extensive root loss. The tree will be monitored quarterly. The field inspection determined the tree located at 621 Poppy Avenue has evidence of tree declining within the canopy and eventual tree death. In addition, there is also evidence of recent concrete work & extensive root loss.

The trees are listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Park, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

Staff recommends denying the removal of the City tree located at 619 Poppy Avenue and removal of the City tree located at 621 Poppy Avenue. The Desert Gums on Poppy Avenue will be continuously monitored.

REPLACEMENT TREE: YES ☐ NO ☒  
DESIGNATED TREE: N/A

DEPUTY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Remove 621 Poppy tree only - declining, if approval by PB&R Co.  
Signature: WHR Date: 8-1-13

RISK MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS: Risk Mgmt concerns  
with staff's recommendations.

Signature: Sheri Anderson Date: 8/5/13

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Manager: BU  
[Signature] Date: 8/7/13


Attachments



## Municipal Operations Department

### TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Name:** Rebecca Colafrancesco  
619 Poppy Avenue  
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

**Tree Location:** 619 Poppy Avenue / Front 1  
621 Poppy Avenue / Front 1 

**Request:** The property owner requests the removal of two City Desert Gum trees due to recent tree failure at 719 Poppy Avenue.

**Tree Species:** Eucalyptus rudis – Desert Gum

**Designated Street Tree:** Eucalyptus torquata – Coral Gum

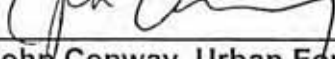
**Estimated Tree Value:** \$7,960.00 (2 trees)

**Damage:** N/A

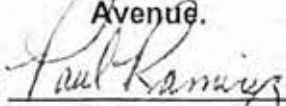
**Parkway:** Concrete    Brick    Turf    (X) Other

**Comments:** A field inspection determined the tree located at 619 Poppy Avenue is currently not hazardous and in good health. There is no evidence of the tree declining or a potential for tree failure, currently. However, there is evidence of recent property development and extensive root loss. The tree will be monitored quarterly. The field inspection determined the tree located at 621 Poppy Avenue has evidence of tree declining within the canopy and eventual tree death. In addition, there is also evidence of recent concrete work & extensive root loss.

The trees are listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

**Inspected by:**  **Date:** July 9, 2013  
John Conway, Urban Forester

**Recommendation:** Continue monitoring the Desert Gums on Poppy Avenue. Deny removal of the City tree located at 619 Poppy Avenue. Remove the City tree located at 621 Poppy Avenue.

**Reviewed by:**  FOR DAN SERENO **Date:** July 9, 2013  
Dan P. Sereno, Parks and Trees Superintendent



## Municipal Operations Department

October 23, 2013

TO: Deputy Operations Department Director

FROM: Parks and Trees Superintendent and Urban Forester

SUBJECT: **Tree Removal Request**

PROPERTY OWNER(S) INFORMATION:	Name: <b>Rebecca Colafrancesco</b> Tree <b>619 Poppy Avenue / Front</b> Location:
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The property owner requests the removal of one City Desert Gum tree due to recent tree failure at 719 Poppy Avenue.

A field inspection determined there is evidence decay has progressed internally which is creating a potential for tree failure.

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb failure, application of insecticide to control psyllid infestation, and fertilization to improve the overall health.

The tree is listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

**Staff recommends removal of the City tree.**

REPLACEMENT TREE: YES ☐ NO ☒

DESIGNATED TREE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Recommend removal of tree if approved by PB&R commission.*

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *10.23.13*

RISK MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Risk Mgmt concurs with staff recommendations*

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *10/23/13*

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

City

Manager: *[Signature]*

Date: *10/23/13*

Attachments



## Municipal Operations Department

### TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Property Owner:** Rebecca Colafrancesco  
619 Poppy Avenue

**Tree Location:** 619 Poppy Avenue / Front 1

**Request:** The property owner requests the removal of one City Desert Gum tree due to recent tree failure at 719 Poppy Avenue.

**Tree Species:** Eucalyptus rudis – Desert Gum

**Designated Street Tree:** Eucalyptus torquata – Coral Gum

**Estimated Tree Value:** \$3,980

**Damage:** N/A

**Parkway:** Concrete    Brick    Turf    (X) Other


**Comments:** A field inspection determined there is evidence decay has progressed internally which is creating a potential for tree failure.

The City's Urban Forester requests the removal of a City Desert Gum tree due to evidence of root decay by the appearance of sulfur fungus conks. This indicates internal decay and potential tree failure at the soil line or below ground. See attached photos and literature.

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb failure, application of insecticide to control psyllid infestation, and fertilization to improve the overall health.

The tree is listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

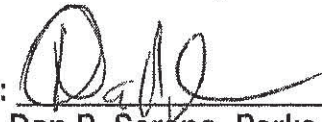
Inspected by:

  
John Conway, Urban Forester

Date: October 23, 2013

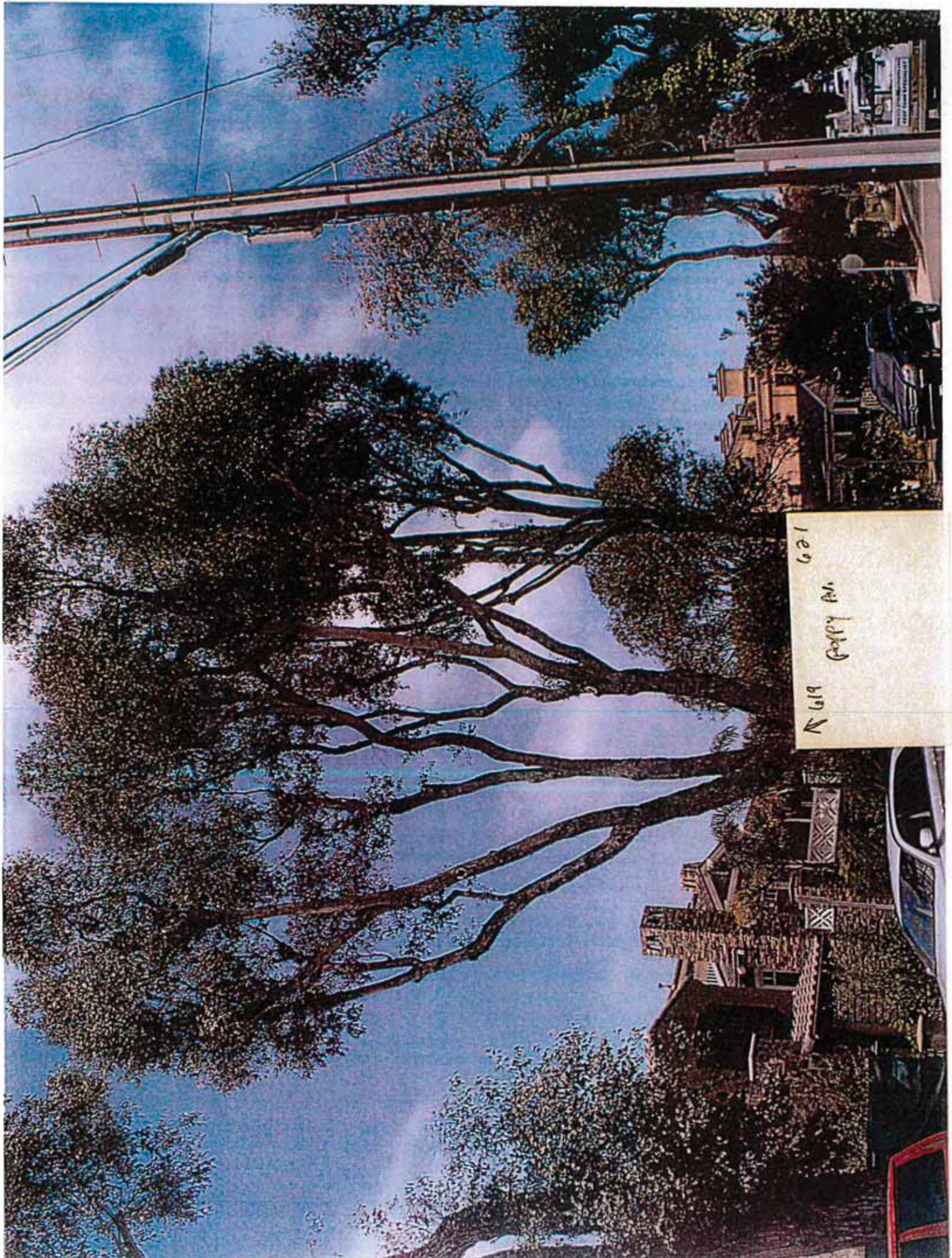
**Recommendation:** Remove the City tree in order to mitigate a potential liability. If the removal is approved, a replacement tree will be planted at the same location, an Australian Willow tree. Staff will be planting the Australian Willow as a result of the lack of availability of the designated street tree, Coral Gum.

Reviewed by:

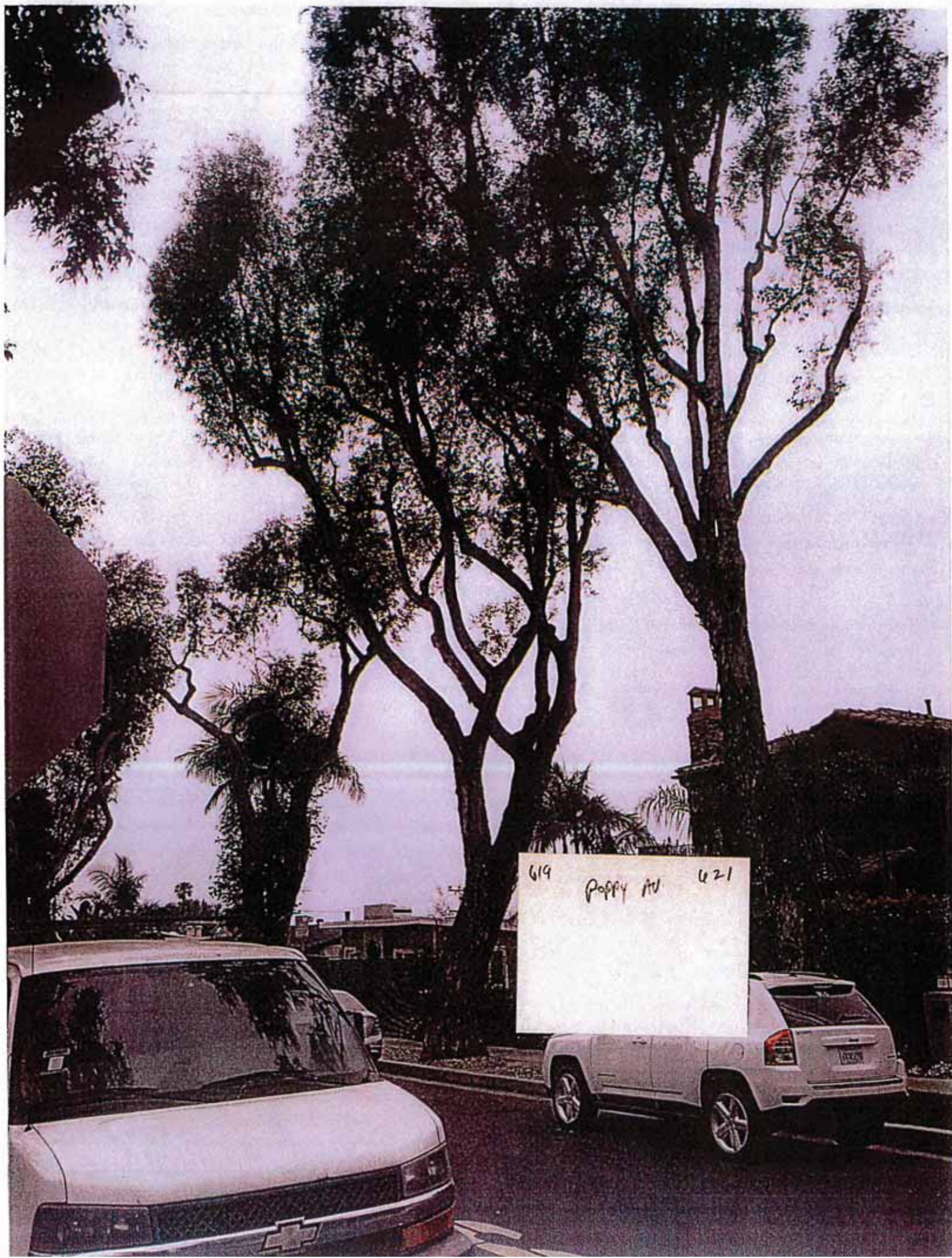


Dan P. Sereno, Parks and Trees Superintendent

Date: October 23, 2013



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Poppy tree

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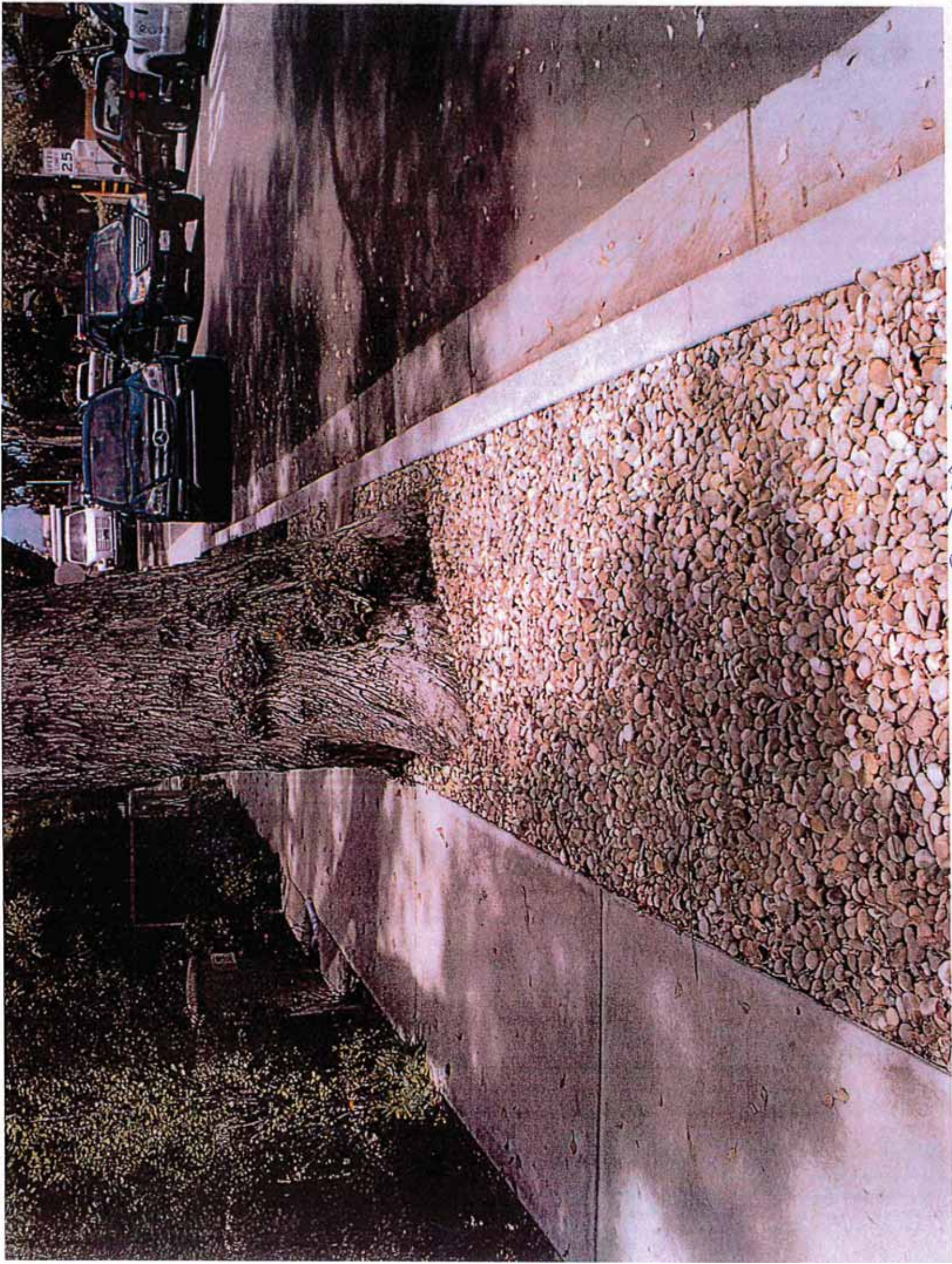


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N 621 Poffin



619 Poppy Av.



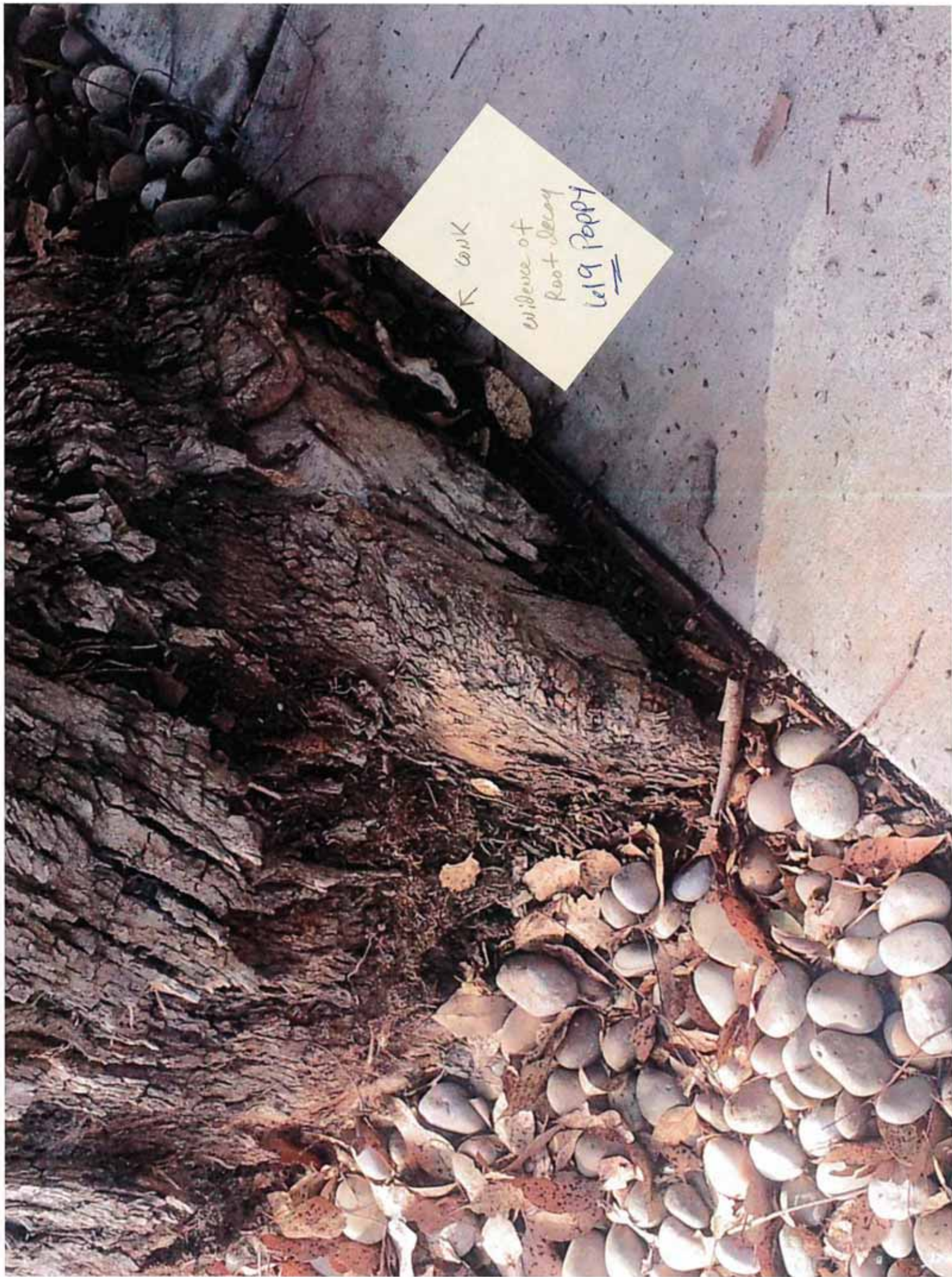


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evidence of  
Root Decay

6/19 Poppy



# *Laetiporus sulphureus*

## *Laetiporus sulphureus* (*Polyporus sulphureus*)

Sulfur Fungus, Brown-Checked Wood Rot

**Description:** Causes a brown rot (1). The soft, fleshy, and moist conks which range from 2 to 12 inches wide are bright orange-yellow above and red-yellow on the pore surface below. They become hard, brittle and white with age. Conks are produced annually and appear singly or in clusters, usually in the fall (17). They do not occur until many years after the onset of decay (15). The brown rot resembles charcoal, readily crumbles (3) and splits into cubes (10).

**Significance:** The fungus causes a red-brown heartrot of living trees but and will also decay dead trees (13). Relative decay rate in oaks is slow (9). Lower trunk decay increases susceptibility to windthrow. This fungus may decay the lower 16 feet of trunk, and extend below ground to cause failure at the soil line (13). It is one of the most serious causes of decay in oaks, and one of the very few fungi that cause decay in yew trees (4). Sporophores on a living trunk indicate extensive internal decay and the likelihood of breakage or uprooting by wind (13). Sulfur fungus attacks most hardwoods and conifers, both living and dead, and is very common on stumps. It is mainly important as a butt and heartrot of hardwoods, especially eucalyptus (11).

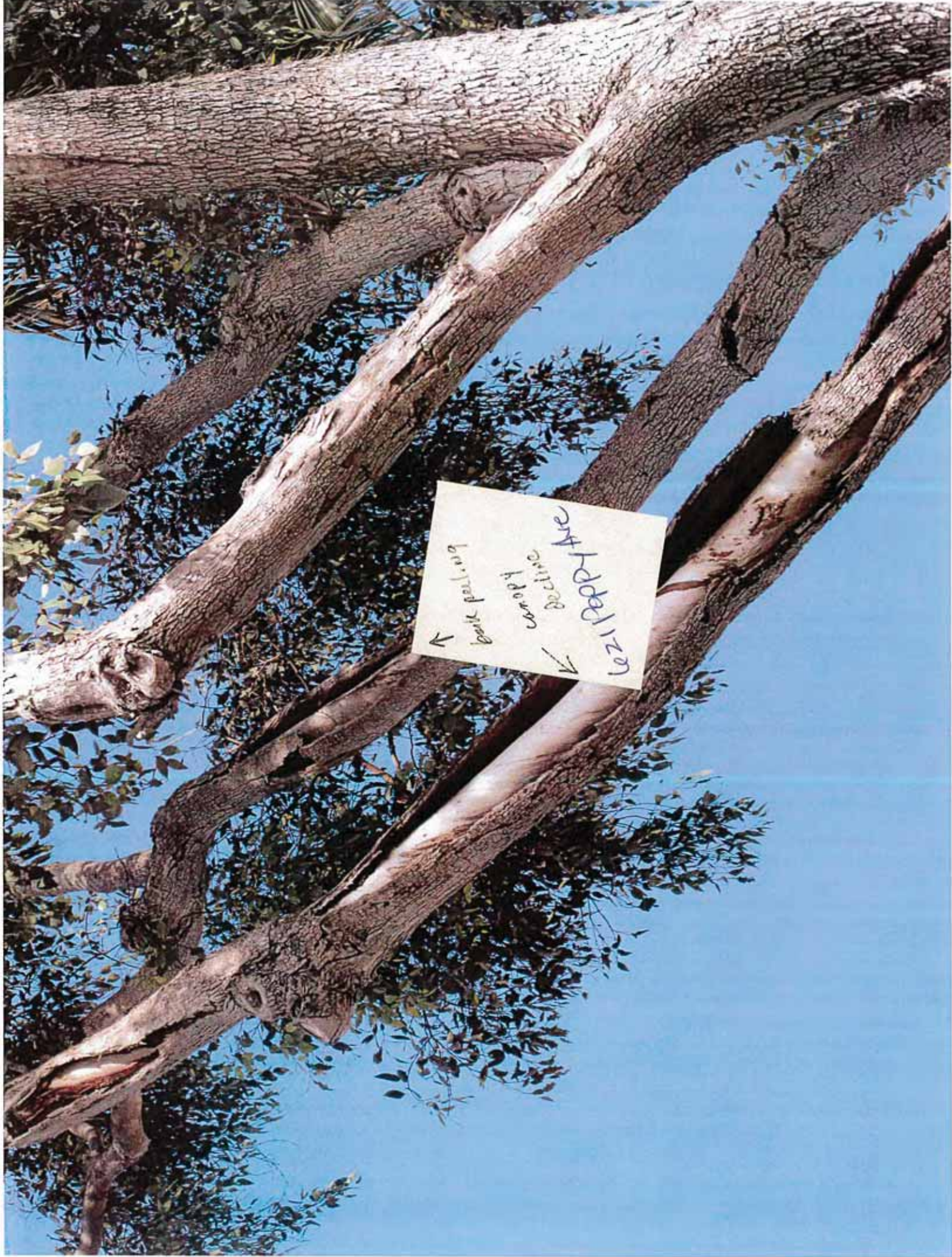
**Mode of Infection:** Decay is most extensive when wounds are large, as decay usually does not develop in wounds less than 2 inches wide. This fungus usually enters the trunk through bark wounds and dead branch stubs (12).

**Hosts:** (4, 7, 13) acacia, ash, beech, birch, cherry, chestnut, elm, eucalyptus, fir, hackberry, blacklocust, honeylocust, maple, oak, peppertree, pine, poplar, spruce, tuliptree, walnut and yew.

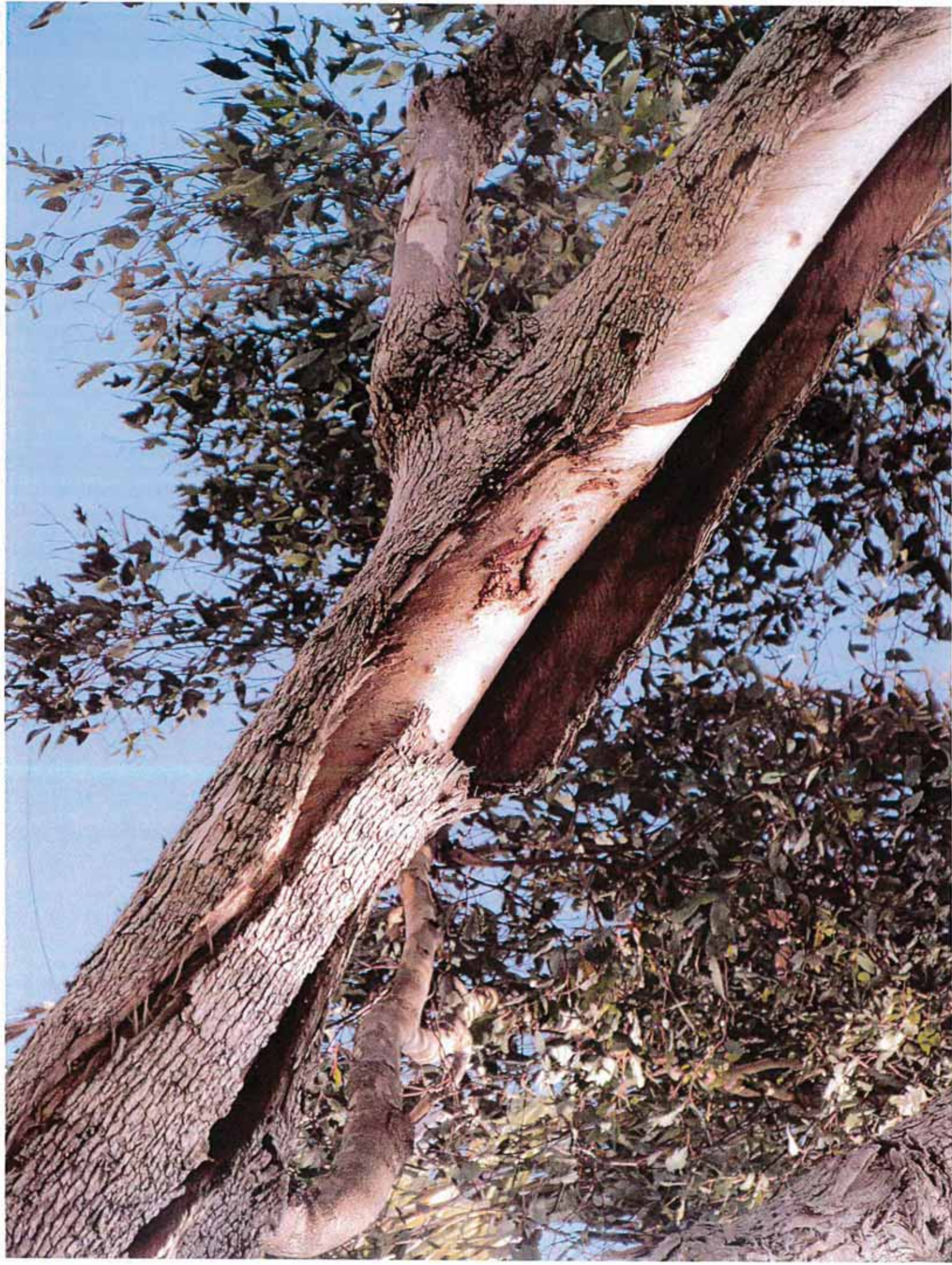


↑ 100' point.  
bark peeling  
tree canopy  
declining





Are Hypodermis  
deciduous  
wood  
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621 WOPPY AVE

## *Geijera parviflora*

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par-vih-FLOR-uh

(Australian Willow, Wilga)  
*Rutaceae* (Rue family)  
Origin: Southern Australia

### Species characteristics:

Form - Evergreen. Graceful, fine textured tree with dense, rounded crown of moderate growth to 40' and 20 - 25' spread. Pendent twigs and leaves give a weeping effect suggestive of weeping willow, but more delicate and compact.

Trunk - Smooth light gray when young, becoming roughened, and reddish brown with age.

Foliage - Leaves narrow, light olive green 3 - 6" long and 1/4" wide with slight curvature.

Flowers/fruit - Small cream-colored flowers in terminal clusters on branchlets from spring to autumn.

No significant pest problems are known at this time.

### Site suitability:

Sunset zones - 8, 9, and 12 - 24.

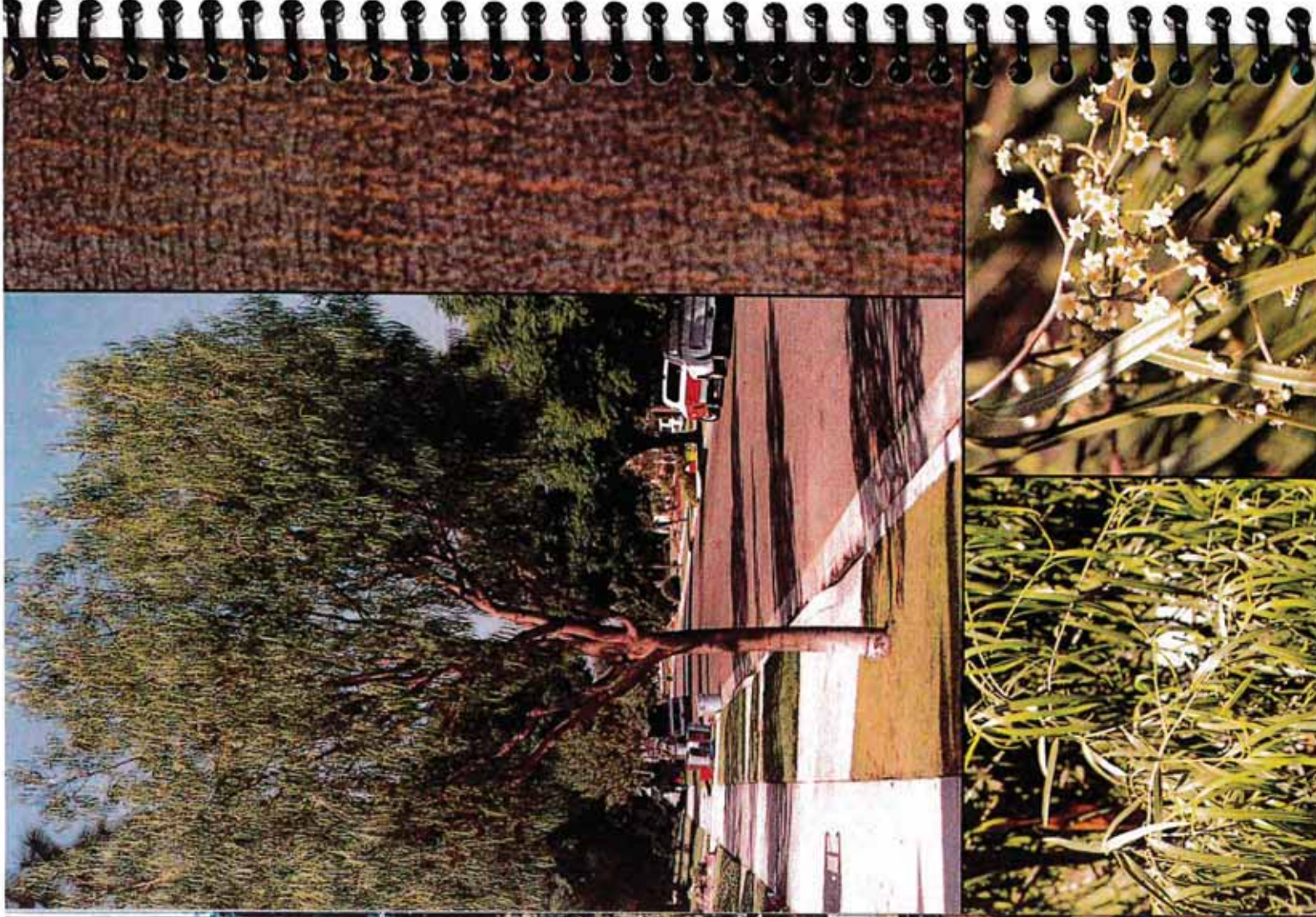
Clearances - Suitable for 5' minimum parkways, medians or cutouts.

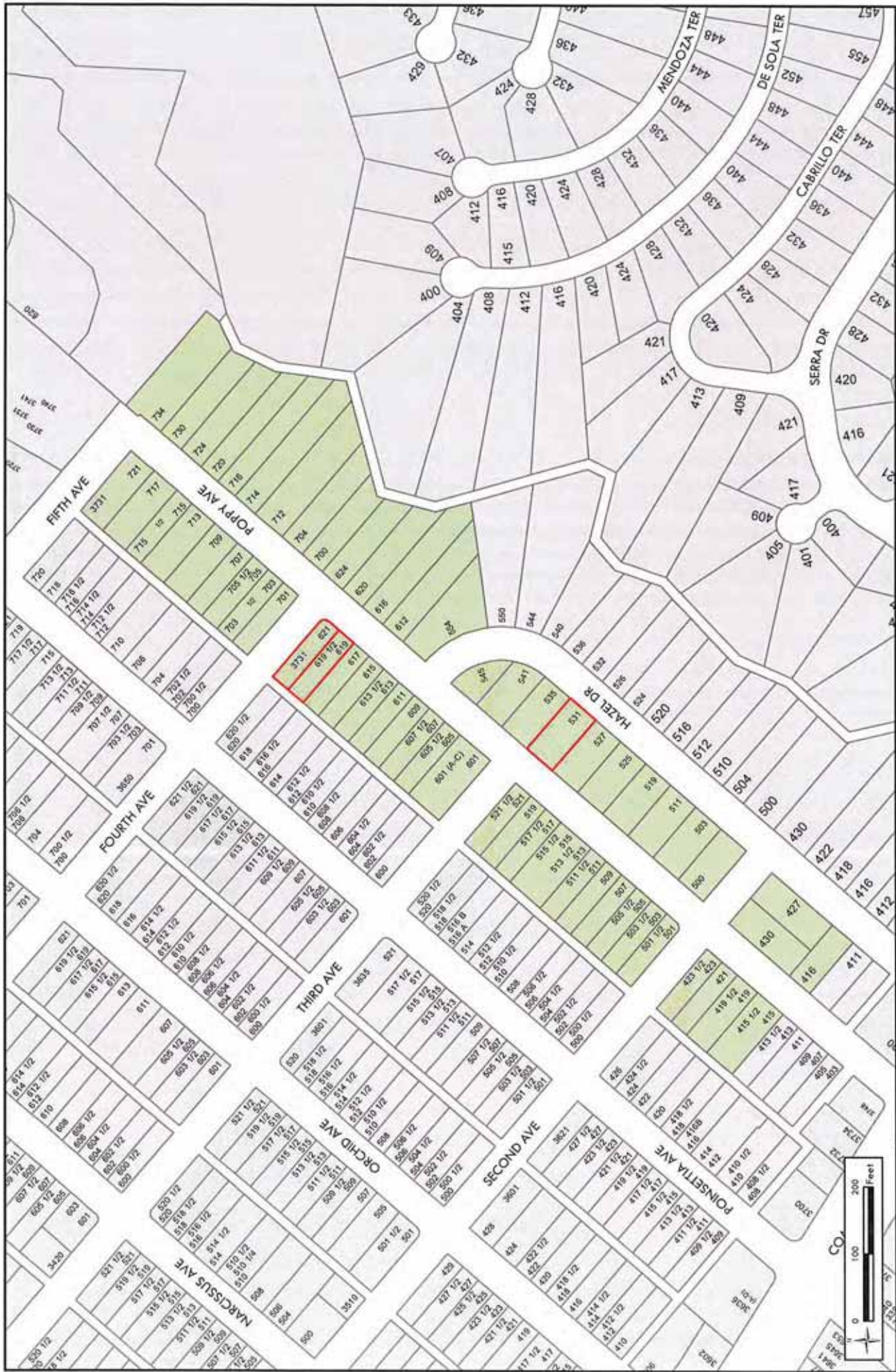
Good for street sides, medians, parks and lawns.

### Culture considerations:

So long as soils are well drained tolerant of a wide range of moisture levels and soils. Low maintenance once established. Prune young trees carefully. Maintain central leader as long as possible and avoid disturbing adjacent lateral limbs.

### Comments, notes:





619-621 Poppy Ave, 531 Hazel Dr

Notified Properties

# 619-621 Poppy Avenue



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

**THE PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WILL CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR**



**THE REMOVAL OF THIS TREE  
AT THE November 5, 2013 (6:00PM) MEETING  
AT THE CIVIC CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE  
NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660**

**CITY STAFF RECOMMENDS THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE.**

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**FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL  
THE MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT  
AT (949) 644-3055**

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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 5B  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Special Tree Removal Request – 1739 Candlestick Lane  
(Continued from October 1, 2013 Commission Meeting)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the removal of one Special City Tree, Neighborhood Tree at 1739 Candlestick Lane.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is requesting approval for the removal of one *Eucalyptus citriodora* (Lemon-Scented Gum) tree located in the parkway at 1739 Candlestick Lane. This item was originally placed on the October 1, 2013 Commission agenda, with the Commission directing staff to evaluate whether there are engineering steps that can be taken to repair the damage while still retaining the tree.

City Public Works Engineer Mike Sinacori met on site with staff from Parks and Trees and Field Maintenance Divisions of Municipal Operations. He concluded that redesigning the street by redirecting the curb and gutter around the tree into the street would be problematic, impact parking, costly, and gutter drainage would not be guaranteed, based on the street having very little fall. Redirecting the curb and gutter would be necessary to salvage the tree's supporting roots, although some of these roots still might need to be removed. Also, minor sidewalk lifting could only be repaired by sidewalk removal and replacement, which means all underlying support roots would require removal. A copy of the report from the October meeting and additional photographs are attached (Attachments A and B).

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and promote the overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb

failure, injection of fungicide to control mildew (see attached photo with decaying injection points), and fertilization to improve the overall health of the tree.

If the removal is approved, a replacement tree will be planted at the same location. Because the designated street tree, Lemon Eucalyptus, being too large for the parkway width and unavailable, staff is recommending replacement with the Crape Myrtle or Southern Magnolia tree. Photographs of Crape Myrtle and Southern Magnolia trees are attached (Attachment C). Currently, there are Crape Myrtle and Southern Magnolia trees planted as replacement trees on Candlestick Lane.

**NOTICING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Rush Hill and the Mariners Community Association have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners (Attachment D) were notified of the Commission Meeting related to this removal request via postcard. The attached poster (Attachment E) was posted on the tree for removal the week of October 21.

Submitted by:



Mike Pisani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

- Attachments:
- A. Agenda Item No. 5F from October 1, 2013 PB&R Meeting (Special Tree Removal Request – 1739 Candlestick Lane)
  - B. Related photographs
  - C. Photographs of Crape Myrtle and Southern Magnolia trees
  - D. Map
  - E. Tree Poster



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# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item No. 5F  
October 1, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Special Tree Removal Request – 1739 Candlestick Lane

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider removal of a Special City Tree, Neighborhood Tree at 1739 Candlestick Lane.

### **DISCUSSION:**

City Council Policy G-1, Retention or Removal of City Trees, Special City Trees, Neighborhood Trees, requires that the PB&R Commission approve the removal of a Special Tree.

Staff is requesting approval for the removal of a City Eucalyptus citriodora (Lemon-Scented Gum) tree located in the parkway at 1739 Candlestick Lane. The tree is listed as a Special City Tree under Neighborhood Trees.

On May 29, 2013, staff met on site to discuss curb, gutter and street work required adjacent to the tree. Since the work would occur on both sides of the tree, the Urban Forester, Field Maintenance Superintendent, and Parks and Trees Superintendent determined the tree cannot be safely root pruned without incurring potential liability and possible tree failure. Consequently, the tree must be removed for asphalt and concrete repairs to occur.

If the removal is approved, a replacement tree will be planted slightly south of the current tree location, since this tree site is too close to the driveway approach at the residence.

Staff has attached the Tree Removal Report and photographs related to the request (Attachment A).

**NOTICING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Rush Hill, and the Mariners Community Association have received a copy of this report and a notice of the Commission meeting. Additionally, notification letters related to this removal request were mailed out to surrounding property owners (Attachment B).

Submitted by:



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Mike Pisani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

Attachments:      A.      Tree Inspection Report and Tree Removal Review  
                             B.      Map (Highlighting property owners notified)



## Municipal Operations Department

September 9, 2013

**TO:** Deputy Municipal Operations Director  
**FROM:** Parks/Trees Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** *Tree Removal Review - Special Trees*

*Human Resources*

SEP 11 2013  
Received by: *LC*

### PROPERTY OWNER(S) / REQUESTER INFORMATION:

**Name:** City Urban Forester

**Tree Location(s):** Marine Avenue: 1739 Candlestick Lane / Front 1

The Urban Forester is requesting removal of one City tree to allow street and curb/gutter repairs to proceed. The tree has previously had roots removed on the sidewalk side to allow for repair and is currently showing signs of decay.

**REPLACEMENT TREE(S):** ☒ YES ☐ NO  
**DESIGNATED TREE(S):**

### DEPUTY MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR - COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

*If approved by PB&R Comm, remove tree to allow sidewalk and curb/gutter repairs to occur.*

**Signature:** *MM* **Date:** *9.13.13*

### RISK MANAGER - COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Risk Mgmt concurs with staff recommendations.*

**Signature:** *Shei Anderson* **Date:** *9/16/13*

### CITY MANAGER - COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

*OK*

**Signature:** *Deley* **Date:** *9/23/13*



## Municipal Operations Department

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### TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Name:** Parks and Trees Division

**Tree Locations:** 1739 Candlestick Lane

**Request:** The City's Urban Forester is requesting removal of one City tree that is decaying and creating a potential liability.

**Botanical/Common Names:** Eucalyptus citriodora/Lemon-scented Gum

**Designated Street Tree:**

**Estimated Trees Value:** \$9,830

**Damage:**

**Parkway:** Concrete Brick Turf (X) Other

**Comments:** A field inspection determined the tree is scheduled for curb/gutter and street work, which will require severe root pruning to accommodate repairs. There is evidence of root loss and decay on the sidewalk side due to prior concrete repairs.

The tree is listed as Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees, which necessitates the recommendation of the Municipal Operations Director and Risk Manager, and the approval of the City Manager prior to removal (Policy G-1, page 2 paragraph 3).

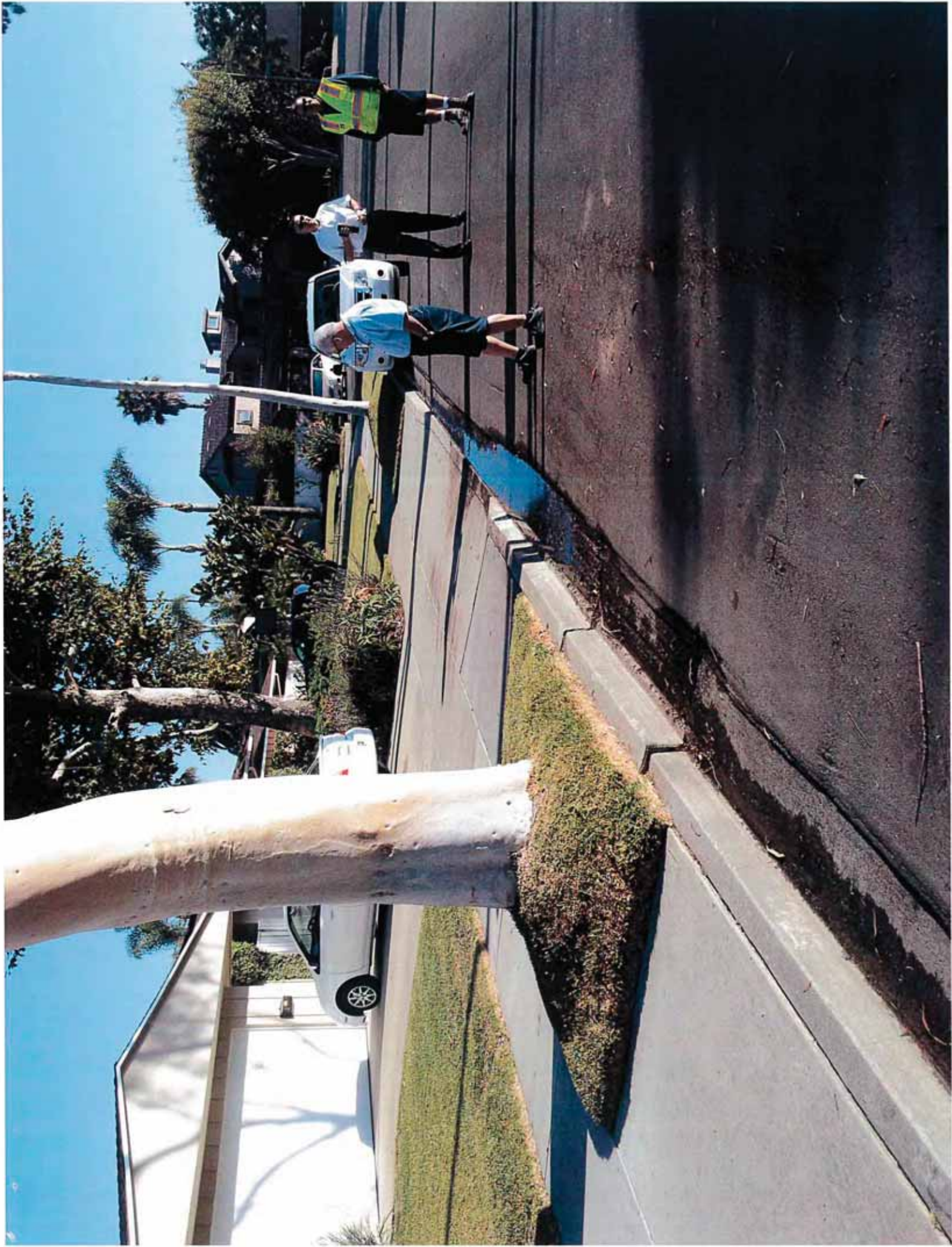
**Inspected by:** John Conway **Date:** September 9, 2013  
John Conway, Urban Forester

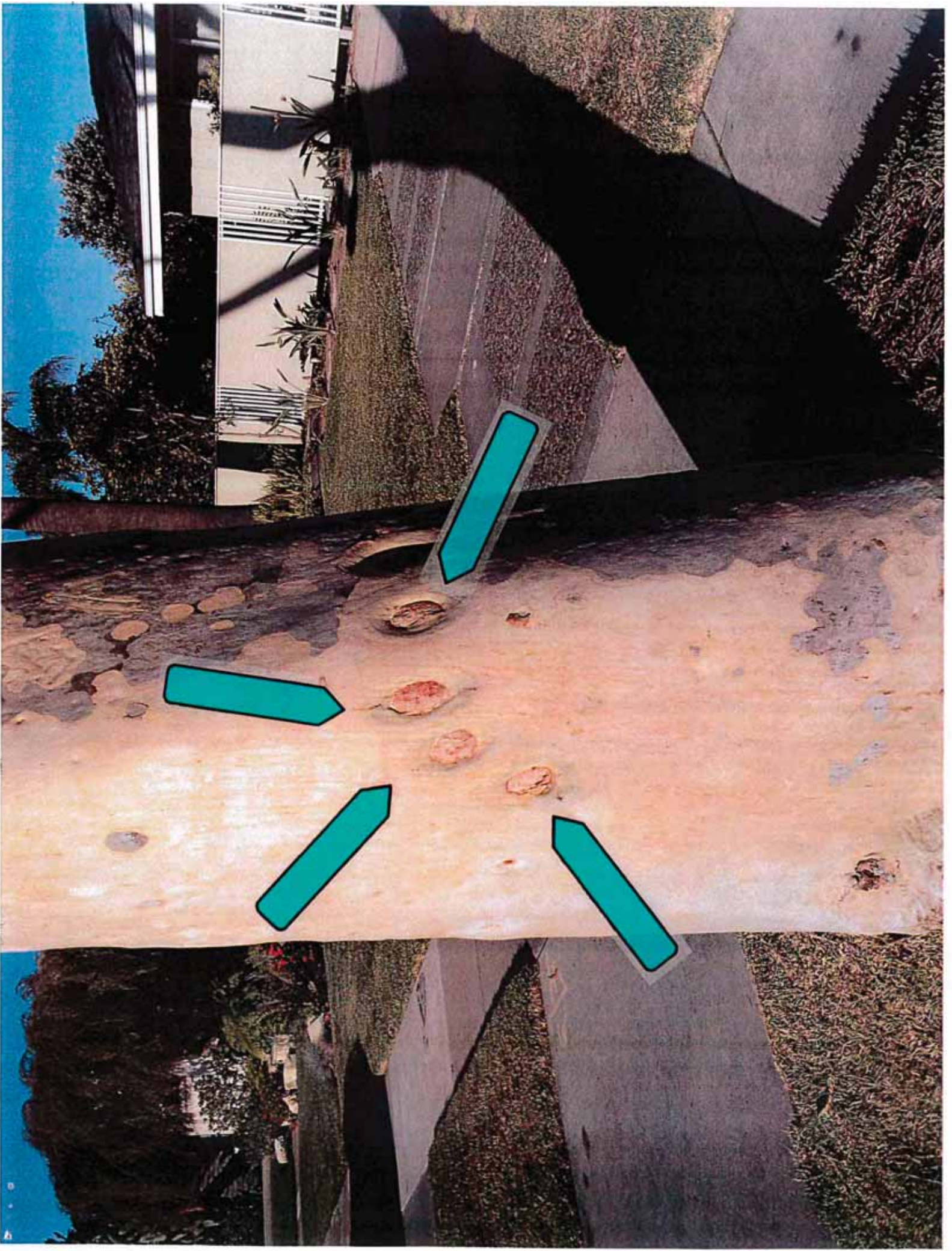
**Recommendation:** Staff recommends removal of the City tree in order to mitigate a potential liability.

**Reviewed by:** Dan P. Sereno **Date:** September 9, 2013  
Dan P. Sereno, Parks and Trees Superintendent



1739





## *Lagerstroemia indica*

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IN-dih-kuh

(Crape Myrtle)

*Lythraceae* (Loosestrife family)

Origin: China, 1759

### Species characteristics:

Form - Deciduous. Variable, vase-shaped or domed small tree. Fast growing in hot areas to 25' tall with a 20' spread.

Trunk - Very attractive with smooth gray or light brown bark that flakes off to reveal dramatic, smooth pinkish inner bark.

Foliage - Spring foliage is light green tinged bronze red. Mature leaves are 1 - 2" long, oval, deep glossy green. Fall foliage varies with cultivars from yellow to orange and red.

Flowers/fruit - Crinkly 1½" flowers, borne in slightly conical clusters 6 - 12" long at ends of branches. Colors vary from white through pinks, reds and purples, June through September, with very showy flowers for the long summer blooming period. Clusters of seed capsules, borne on twiggly end branches persist through winter.

Cultivars - Over 30 cultivars are available. Some are more resistant to mildew than others. *L. indica* x *L. fauriei* has been used successfully in areas with coastal influence.

Significant pest problem can be powdery mildew.

### Site suitability:

Sunset zones - all

Clearances - Suitable for 2' minimum parkways, medians or cutouts. Suitable under utility lines.

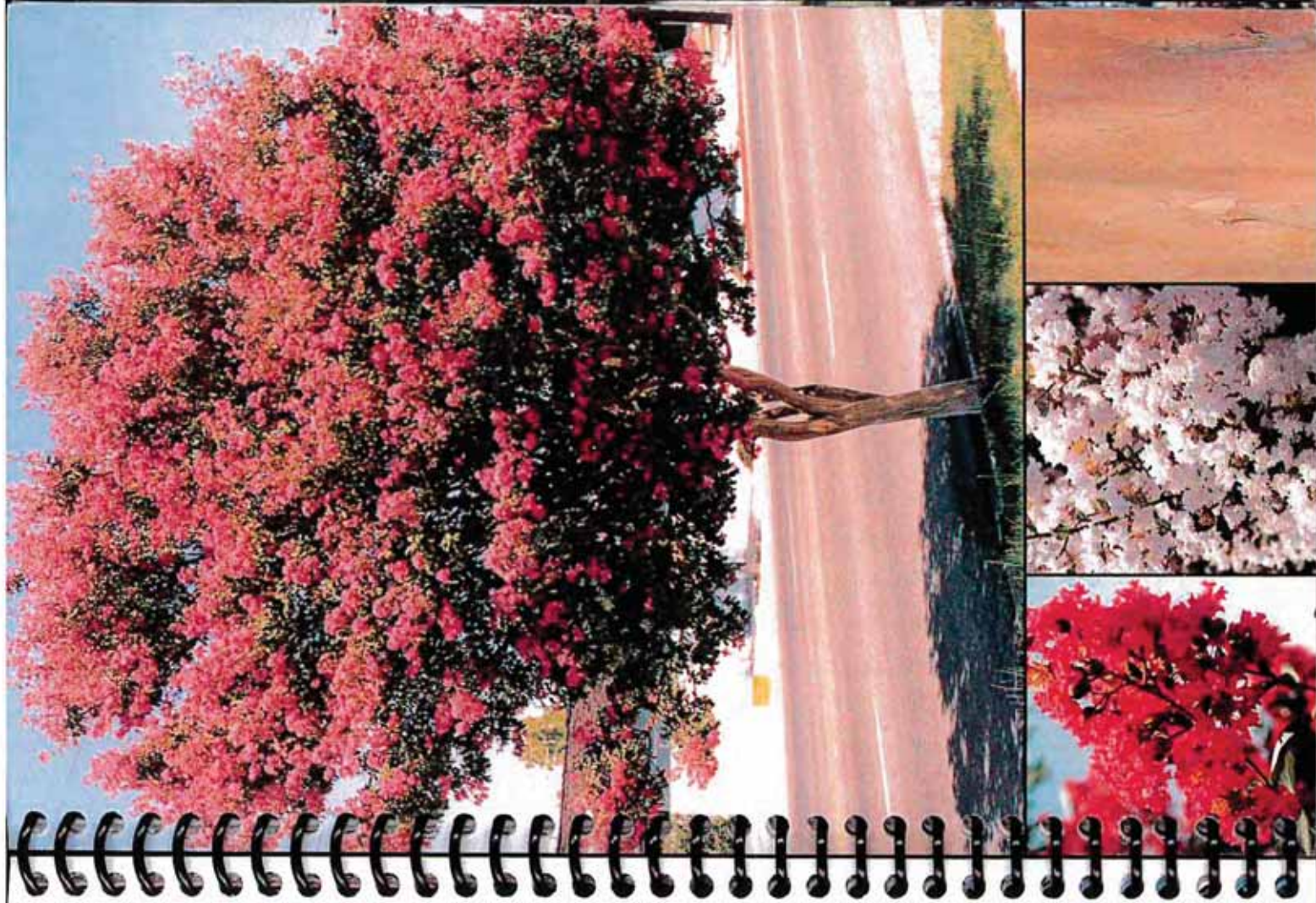
Good for street sides, medians, parks and lawns.

### Culture considerations:

Best in hot inland and interior valleys. Full sun. Water infrequently but deeply. Drought tolerant once established. Tendency to chlorosis or marginal leaf burn in alkaline or saline soil. Use extreme care, as bark is fragile.

### Comments, notes:

Education of public and use of trunk protection on trees both young and old will decrease mortality, especially in turf.



## *Magnolia grandiflora*

(Southern Magnolia, Bull Bay)  
*Magnoliaceae* (Magnolia family)  
Origin: Southern U.S., 1734

mag-NOL-cc-uh  
gran-dec-FLOE-ruh

### Species characteristics:

Form - Evergreen. Formal, dense, broadly pyramidal tree, slow growing to 60' tall, spreading to 40' wide.

Trunk - Smooth when young, maturing to dark brownish black platelets.

Foliage - Glossy, stiff and leathery leaves are deep green, rusty brown-backed and variable by cultivar. They are ovate, 3-10" long and 2-4" wide, with edges that are entire and occasionally wavy. The reddish young branches and pointed brownish-green buds are both pubescent.

Flowers/fruit - Large, showy, scented 6 - 10" cup-shaped flowers have fleshy light yellow to ivory petals. Trees bloom throughout the summer. Fall fruits are 3 - 4" cone shaped pods that split open to reveal shiny bright red seeds. Very showy during flowering and fruiting.

Cultivars - Numerous cultivars covering a broad range of shapes and sizes, some reaching no more than 20', as well as some with variations in leaf, flower and growth characteristics.

No significant pest problems.

### Site suitability:

Sunset zones - 4 - 12 and 14 - 24.

Clearances - Suitable for 10' minimum parkways, medians or cutouts. Smaller cultivars are suitable under utility lines and in smaller planting sites.

Good for street sides, medians, parks and lawns.

### Culture considerations:

Tolerant of heat and damp soil. Somewhat drought tolerant. Must have good drainage. Litter problems.

### Comments, notes:



Use cultivars when uniformity and earlier blooming times are needed.





City of Newport Beach  
GIS Division  
September 12, 2013

### Legend

-  1739 Candlestick Lane
-  Notified Properties

## 1739 Candlestick Lane



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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

**THE PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WILL CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR  
THE REMOVAL OF THIS TREE**



**AT THE November 5, 2013 (6:00PM) MEETING  
AT THE CIVIC CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE  
NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660**

**CITY STAFF RECOMMENDS THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE.**

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**FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL  
THE MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT  
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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 5C  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Department Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Special Tree Removal Request – 330 Morning Canyon Road

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the removal of one Special City Tree, Neighborhood Tree at 330 Morning Canyon Road.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Council Policy G-1, Retention or Removal of City Trees, Special City Trees, Neighborhood Trees, requires that the PB&R Commission approve the removal of a Special Tree (Attachment A).

Staff is requesting approval for the removal of a City Erythrina caffra (Kafferboom Coral) tree located adjacent to 330 Morning Canyon Road. The tree is listed as a Special City Tree under Neighborhood Trees.

A field inspection determined there is evidence that decay has progressed internally and is creating a potential for tree failure.

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestations, and promote the overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb failure, application of insecticide to control mealy bug infestation, and fertilization to improve the overall health of the tree. However, despite these efforts, a complete tree failure at 336 Morning Canyon Road recently occurred as a result of decay (photos included in Attachment B).

The designated street tree, Toog, is not available and the Shorecliffs Property Owners Association has requested that any replacements in this area be the same type of tree,

Kafferboom Coral (Attachment C). Staff intends to honor this request and plant a 36" box size replacement.

If the removal is approved, a replacement tree of the same type will be planted at the site. Staff has attached the Tree Removal Report and photographs (Attachment B).

**NOTICING:**

The resident of 330 Morning Canyon Road, Council Member Nancy Gardner, and the Shorecliffs Property Owners Association have received a copy of this report and a notice of the Commission meeting. Additionally, notification postcards related to this removal request were sent out to the surrounding property owners (Attachment D). The attached poster (Attachment E) was posted on the tree for removal on the week of October 21.

Submitted by:



Mike Pisani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

- Attachments:
- A. City Council Policy G-1, Retention or Removal of City Trees, Special City Trees, Neighborhood Trees
  - B. Tree Removal Report and related photos
  - C. Kafferboom Coral tree photo
  - D. Map
  - E. Tree Poster

## RETENTION OR REMOVAL OF CITY TREES

### GOAL OF POLICY

To establish and maintain appropriate diversity in tree species and age classes to provide a stable and sustainable urban forest with an inventory that the City can reasonably maintain in a healthy and non-hazardous condition. To require that in approving any tree removal or reforestation request the PB&R Commission shall find that the tree removal request will not adversely impact the overall inventory, diversity and age of the City's Urban Forest.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish definitive standards for the retention, removal, maintenance, reforestation, tree trimming standards, and supplemental trimming of City trees. City trees are an important part of the character and charm of the entire City and provide environmental benefits as well. Regular care, trimming, root pruning, maintenance, and programmed replacement are necessary to preserve this charm while at the same time protecting views consistent with Council Policy G-3 and preventing public and private property damage.

The City classifies public trees in one of three categories: Special Trees, Problem Trees, and All Other Trees.

### SPECIAL CITY TREES

It is the City's policy to retain City trees categorized as Landmark, Dedicated, or Neighborhood trees, which have historical significance, and/or contribute to and give character to a location or to an entire neighborhood. Landmark, Dedicated, and Neighborhood trees are identified by species by Attachment 1, and shall hereinafter be referred to as Special Trees. Trees within these categories shall be identified, mapped, recorded and administered by staff for the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission ("Commission"). The Commission shall review the Special Tree list on an as needed basis and forward recommendations for additions or deletions to the City Council for approval.

Landmark Trees are identified as those individual Special Trees that possess historical significance by virtue of their size, age, location, or species.

Dedicated Trees are Special Trees donated for or in the memory of specific individuals or organizations.

Neighborhood Trees are Special Trees that by their unusual size, number, species, or location lend a special character to a residential, commercial, or business area.

Special Trees shall be retained, unless there are overriding problems, such as death, disease, or the creation of a hazardous situation, which require their removal. Prior to consideration for any removal of a Special Tree(s), the General Services Director, or designee, shall prepare a report identifying and implementing specific treatment to retain the tree(s). If specific treatment is unsuccessful or impractical in retaining a tree(s) then a full staff report shall be made to the Commission before any further action considering removal is taken. Prior to any removal of Special Tree(s), the City must comply with the noticing provisions of the Removal of City Trees section set forth in this Policy, unless a Special Tree is considered hazardous that necessitates an emergency removal. Any such removal must be recommended by the General Services Director and the Risk Manager and approved by the City Manager.

During normal sidewalk, curb, and street repair activity requiring root pruning, all steps shall be taken to retain Special Trees. If tree roots are to be pruned in association with sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements, sufficient timing in advance must be planned to ensure that pruning will not destabilize or kill the tree. If both sides of a Special Tree's roots are to be pruned, one side should be pruned 6 months to a year in advance of the other side depending upon the species and other related factors. If root pruning methods are not practical and/or critical to the health of the tree, then alternate or special hardscape improvements should be considered by the City in order to retain the tree providing that costs are reasonable. All proposed root pruning or other tree treatment shall be assessed and approved by the Urban Forester.

Special Trees may be considered for removal in conjunction with a City Council approved beautification project utilizing the Removal of City Trees procedures noted in a subsequent section of the Policy.

## PROBLEM TREES

A Problem Tree is defined as a tree that by virtue of its species causes excessive hardscape or utility damage due to its excessive root system. The following trees are defined as Problem Trees:



## Municipal Operations Department

October 10, 2013

**TO:** Deputy Operations Department Director

**FROM:** Parks and Trees Superintendent and Urban Forester

**SUBJECT:** *Tree Removal Request*

PROPERTY OWNER(S)	Name:	<b>Parks &amp; Trees Division</b>
INFORMATION:	Tree	<b>330 Morning Canyon Road /</b>
	Location:	<b>Front 1</b>

The City's Urban Forester requests the removal of a City Kafferboom Coral tree due to evidence of decay.

A field inspection determined there is evidence decay has progressed internally which is creating a potential for tree failure.

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb failure, application of insecticide to control mealy bug infestation, and fertilization to improve the overall health. However, despite these efforts, a complete tree failure at 336 Morning Canyon Road occurred as a result of decay (see attached photos).

The designated street tree, Toog, is not available and the Shorecliffs Property Owners Association has requested that any replacements in this area be the same type of tree, Kafferboom Coral. Staff intends to comply and plant a 36" box size replacement.

The tree is listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

**Staff recommends removal of the City tree.**

REPLACEMENT TREE: YES ☒ NO ☐  
DESIGNATED TREE: **Bischofia javanica – Toog**

DEPUTY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*If approved by PB&R COMM, remove tree at 330 Morning Can Rd*

Signature: *MR* Date: 10.23.13

RISK MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Risk Mgmt concurs with staff recommendations.  
Signature: Alex Anderson Date: 10/23/13

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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City Manager: [Signature] Date: 10/23/13  
Attachments



## Municipal Operations Department

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### TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Name:** Parks and Trees Division

**Tree Location:** 330 Morning Canyon Road / Front 1

**Request:** The City's Urban Forester requests the removal of a City Kafferboom Coral tree due to evidence of root decay.

**Tree Species:** Erythrina caffra – Coral

**Designated Street Tree:** Bischofia javanica – Toog

**Estimated Tree Value:** \$8,610.00

**Damage:** N/A

**Parkway:** Concrete    Brick    Turf    (X) Other

**Comments:** A field inspection determined there is evidence decay has progressed internally which is creating a potential for tree failure.

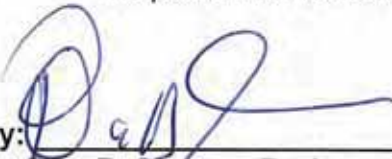
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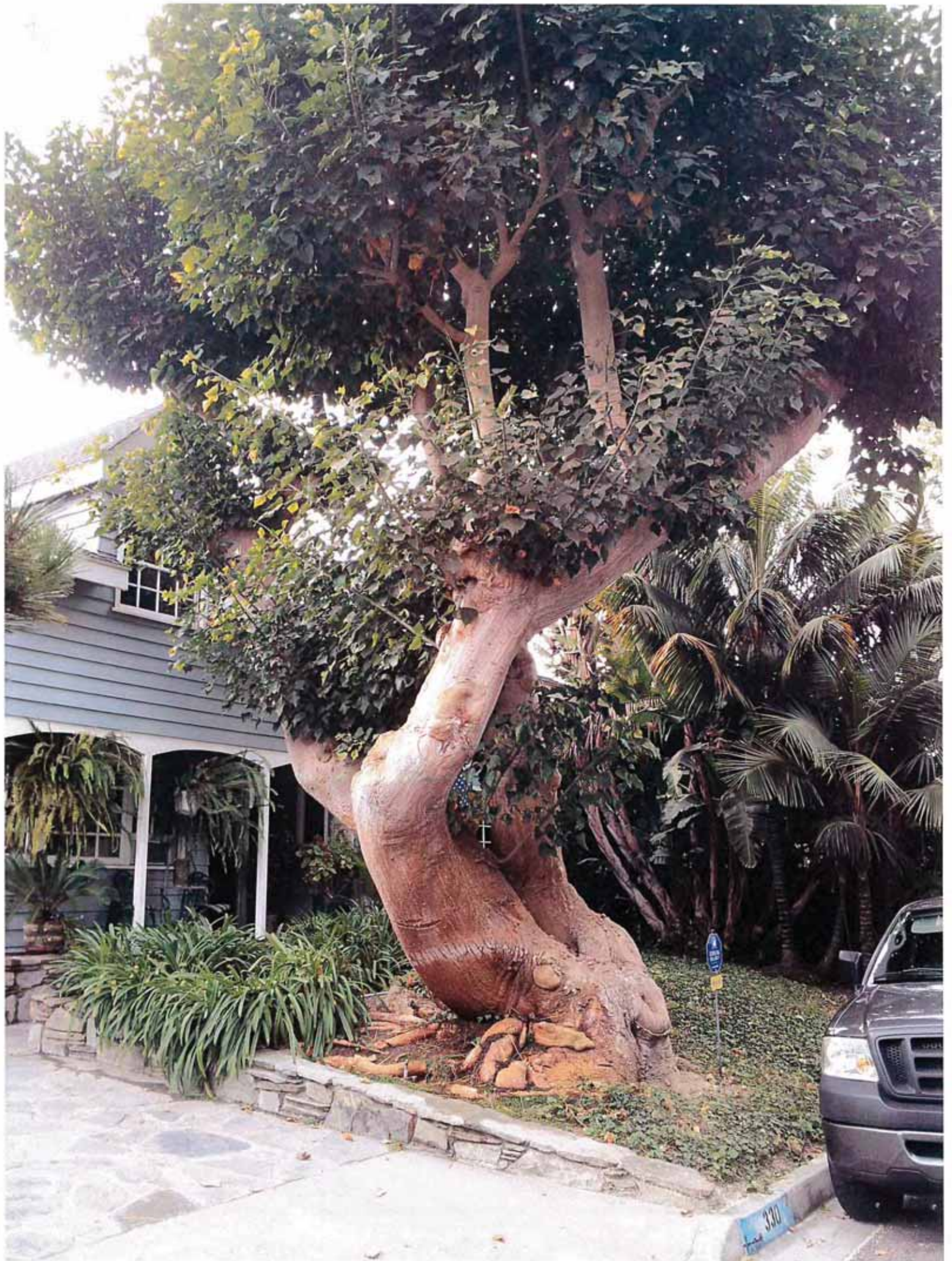
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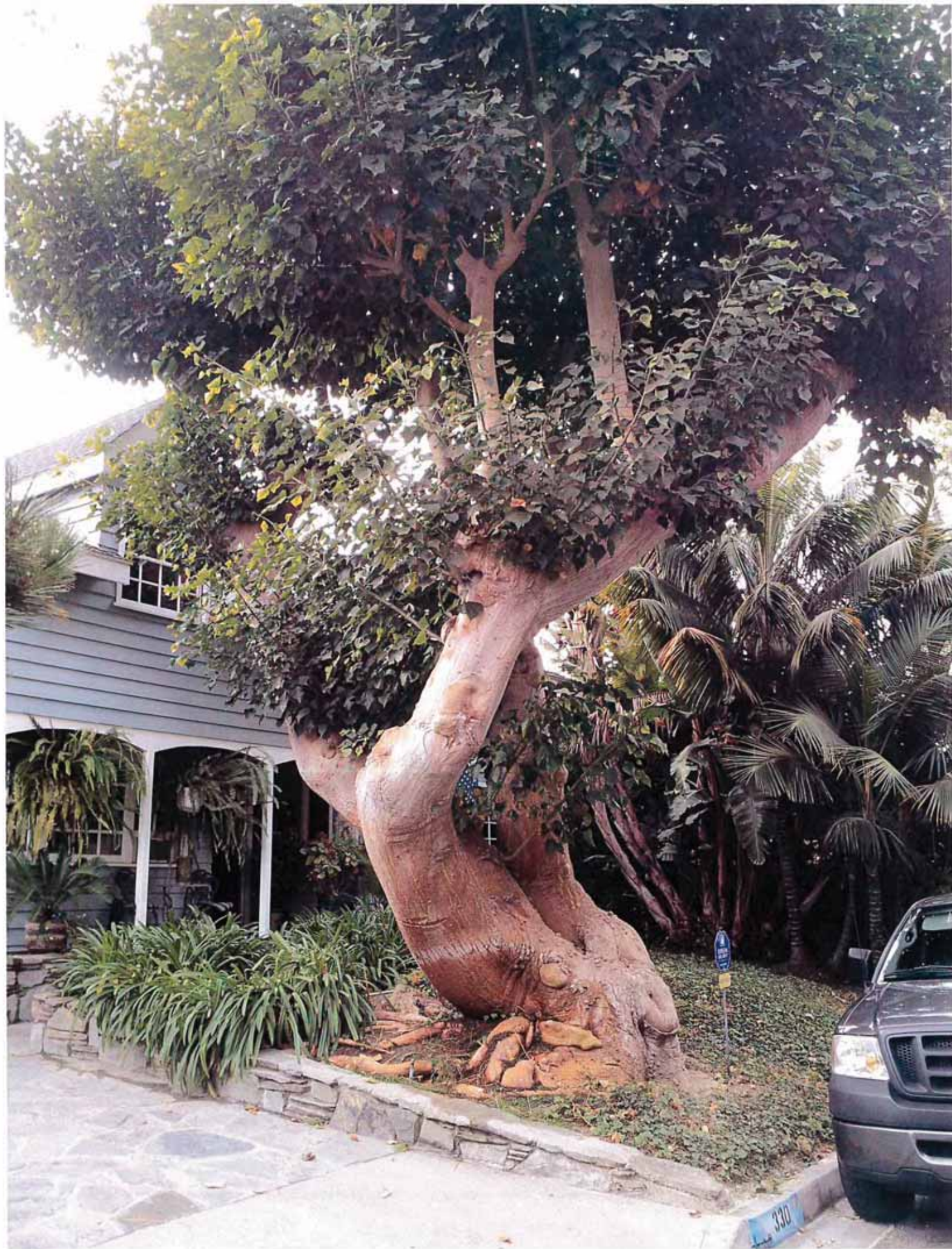
Inspected by:  Date: October 10, 2013  
John Conway, Urban Forester

**Recommendation:** Remove the City tree in order to mitigate a potential liability.  
Replace with Kafferboom Coral.

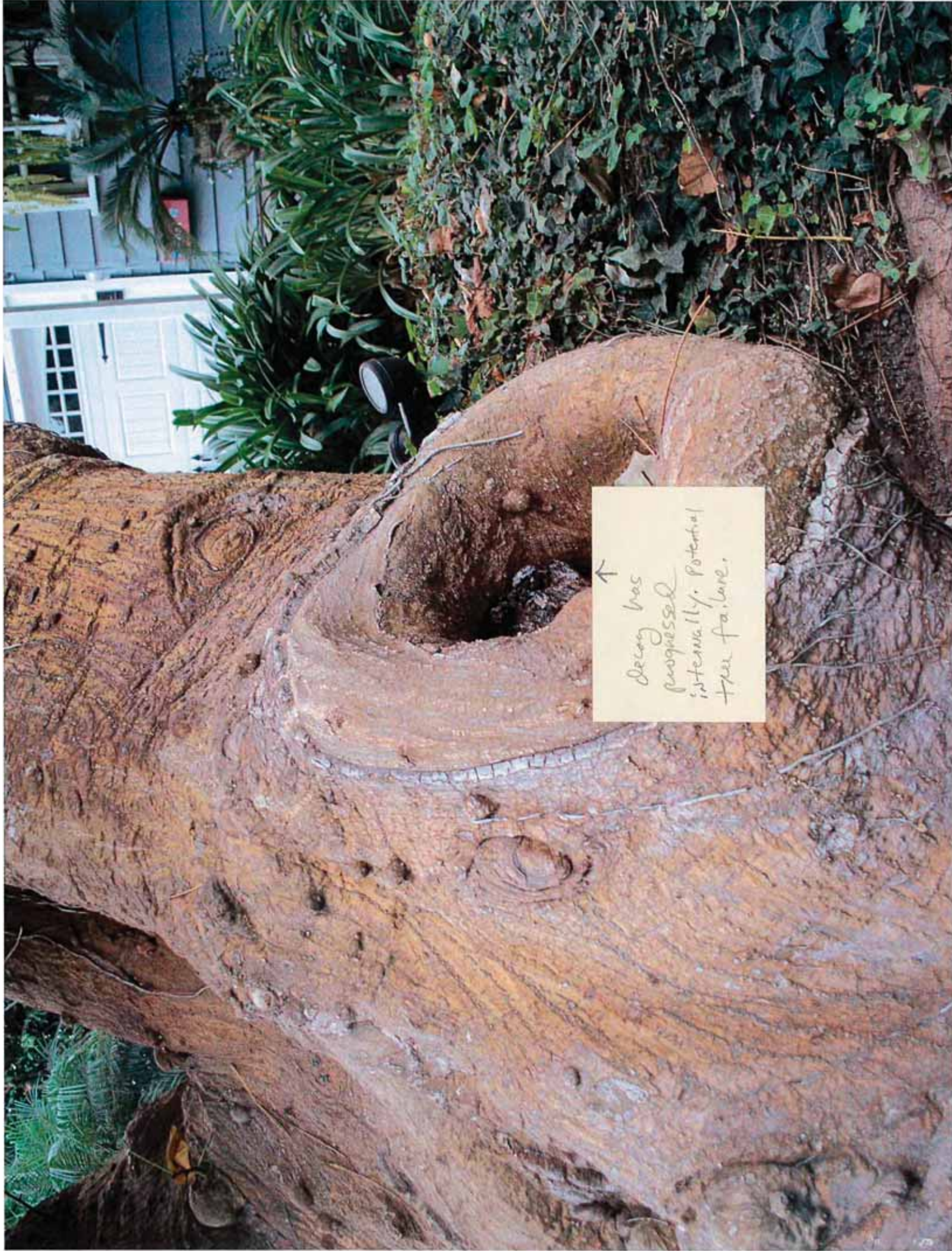
Reviewed by:  Date: October 10, 2013  
Dan P. Sereno, Parks and Trees Superintendent







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Decay has  
progressed  
internally. Potential  
tree failure.





Photos: 10/5/2013

Tree Failure

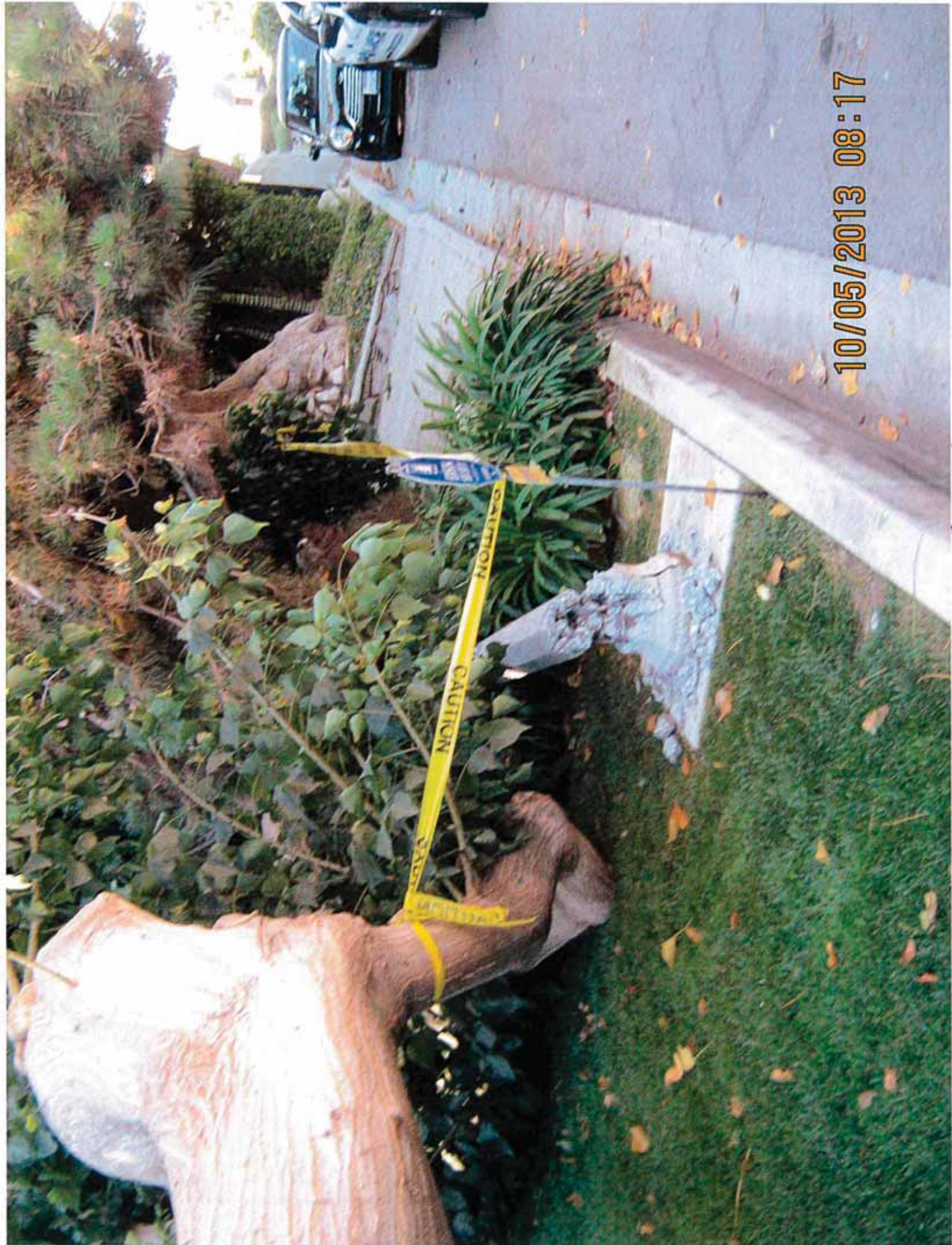
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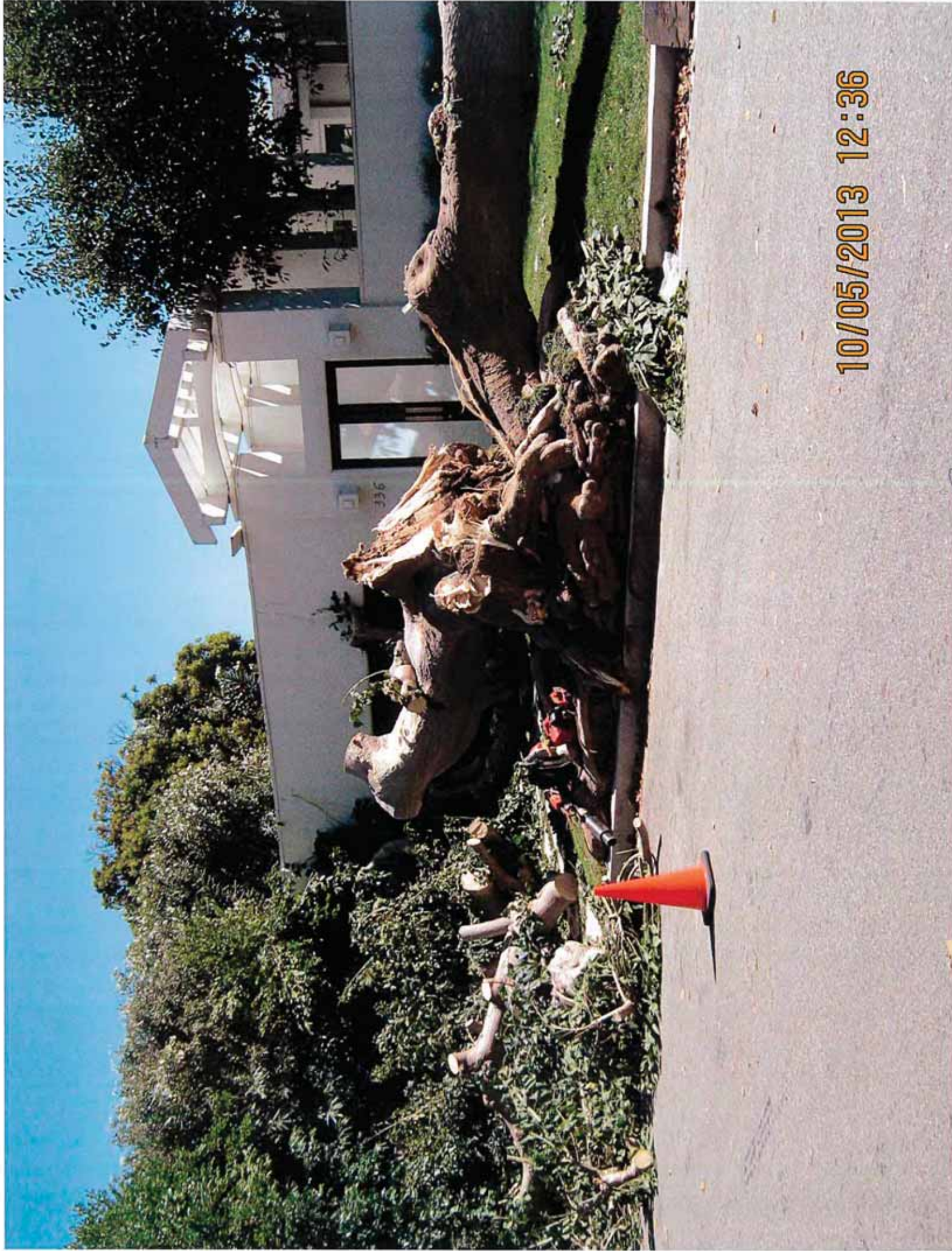
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City of Newport Beach  
GIS Division  
October 24, 2013

330 Morning Canyon



Notified Properties



## 330 Morning Canyon



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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

**THE PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WILL CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR**



**THE REMOVAL OF THIS TREE  
AT THE November 5, 2013 (6:00PM) MEETING  
AT THE CIVIC CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE  
NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660**

**CITY STAFF RECOMMENDS THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE.**

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**NEWPORT BEACH**  
**PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item No. 5D  
November 5, 2013

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
Mike Pisani, Deputy Municipal Operations Director  
949 644-3055, mpisani@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Special Tree Removal Request – 531 Hazel Drive

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the removals of one Special City Tree, Neighborhood Tree at 531 Hazel Drive.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is requesting approval for the removal of one Eucalyptus rudis (Desert Gum) tree located on Poppy Avenue behind 531 Hazel Drive. The tree is listed as a Special City Tree under Neighborhood Trees. City Council Policy G-1 requires that the PB&R Commission approve the removal of a Special Tree.

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and promote the overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning to prevent limb failure prior to the winter storms, application of insecticide to control psyllid infestation, and fertilization to improve the tree's overall health.

The Urban Forester and Parks/Trees Superintendent have inspected the tree and determined that it must be removed to mitigate a potential liability due to evidence of root decay by the appearance of sulfur fungus conks. Conks indicate internal decay and potential tree failure at the soil line or below ground. The tree has evidence of root decay creating a potential for tree failure. Staff has attached the Tree Inspection Report, Tree Removal Review, and photographs related to this request (Attachment A).

If the removal is approved, an Australian Willow tree (Attachment B) will be planted at the same location. Staff will be planting the Australian Willow as a result of the lack of availability of the Coral Gum designated street tree.

**NOTICING:**

Adjacent homeowners and Council Member Nancy Gardner have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners (Attachment C) were notified of the Commission Meeting related to this removal request via postcard. The attached poster (Attachment D) was posted on the tree for removal on the week of October 21.

Submitted by:



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Mike Pisani, Deputy Director  
Municipal Operations Department

- Attachments:
- A. Tree Inspection Report, Tree Removal Review, and related photographs
  - B. Australian Willow tree photograph
  - C. Map (highlighting surrounding property owners notified)
  - D. Tree Poster



## Municipal Operations Department

September 27, 2013

TO: Deputy Operations Department Director

FROM: Parks and Trees Superintendent and Urban Forester

SUBJECT: ***Tree Removal Request***

PROPERTY OWNER(S)	Name:	James Rubel Trust
INFORMATION:	Tree	531 Hazel Drive / Rear 1 / On
	Location:	Poppy Avenue

The City's Urban Forester requests the removal of a City Desert Gum tree due to evidence of root decay by the appearance of sulfur fungus conks. Conks indicate internal decay and potential tree failure at the soil line or below ground. See attached photos and literature.

Since this is listed as a Special Tree, several mitigating efforts have occurred over the years to prevent limb and tree failures, insect infestation, and overall health of each tree. This has included annual pruning prior to the winter storms to prevent limb failure, application of insecticide to control psyllid infestation, and fertilization to improve the overall health.

The tree is listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

**Staff recommends removal of the City tree.**

REPLACEMENT TREE: YES ☒ NO ☐

DESIGNATED TREE: Coral Gum (not available; replacement tree will be an Australian Willow)

DEPUTY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Remove tree if approved by PB & R Comm.

Signature: MR

Date: 10.24.13

RISK MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Agree with removal

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 10/24/13

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

OK

City  
Manager:



Date:

10/24/2023

Attachments



## Municipal Operations Department

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### TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Property Owner:** James Rubel Trust  
531 Hazel Drive  
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

**Tree Location:** 531 Hazel Drive / Rear 1/ On Poppy Avenue

**Request:** The City's Urban Forester requests the removal of a City Desert Gum tree due to evidence of root decay.

**Tree Species:** Eucalyptus rudis – Desert Gum

**Designated Street Tree:** Eucalyptus torquata – Coral Gum

**Estimated Tree Value:** \$3,040.00

**Damage:** N/A

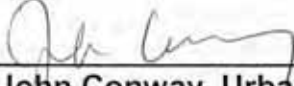
**Parkway:** Concrete      Brick      Turf      (X) Other

**Comments:** A field inspection determined there is evidence decay has progressed internally which is creating a potential for tree failure.

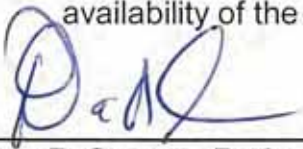
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The tree is listed as a Special Trees, Neighborhood Trees under City Council Policy G-1. Need to forward to Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission for approval.

Inspected by:  Date: September 27, 2013  
John Conway, Urban Forester

**Recommendation:** Remove the City tree in order to mitigate a potential liability. If the removal is approved, a replacement tree will be planted at the same location, an Australian Willow tree. Staff will be planting the Australian Willow as a result of the lack of availability of the designated street tree, Coral Gum.

Reviewed by:  Date: September 27, 2013  
Dan P. Sereno, Parks and Trees Superintendent

# *Laetiporus sulphureus*

## *Laetiporus sulphureus* (*Polyporus sulphureus*)

Sulfur Fungus, Brown-Checked Wood Rot

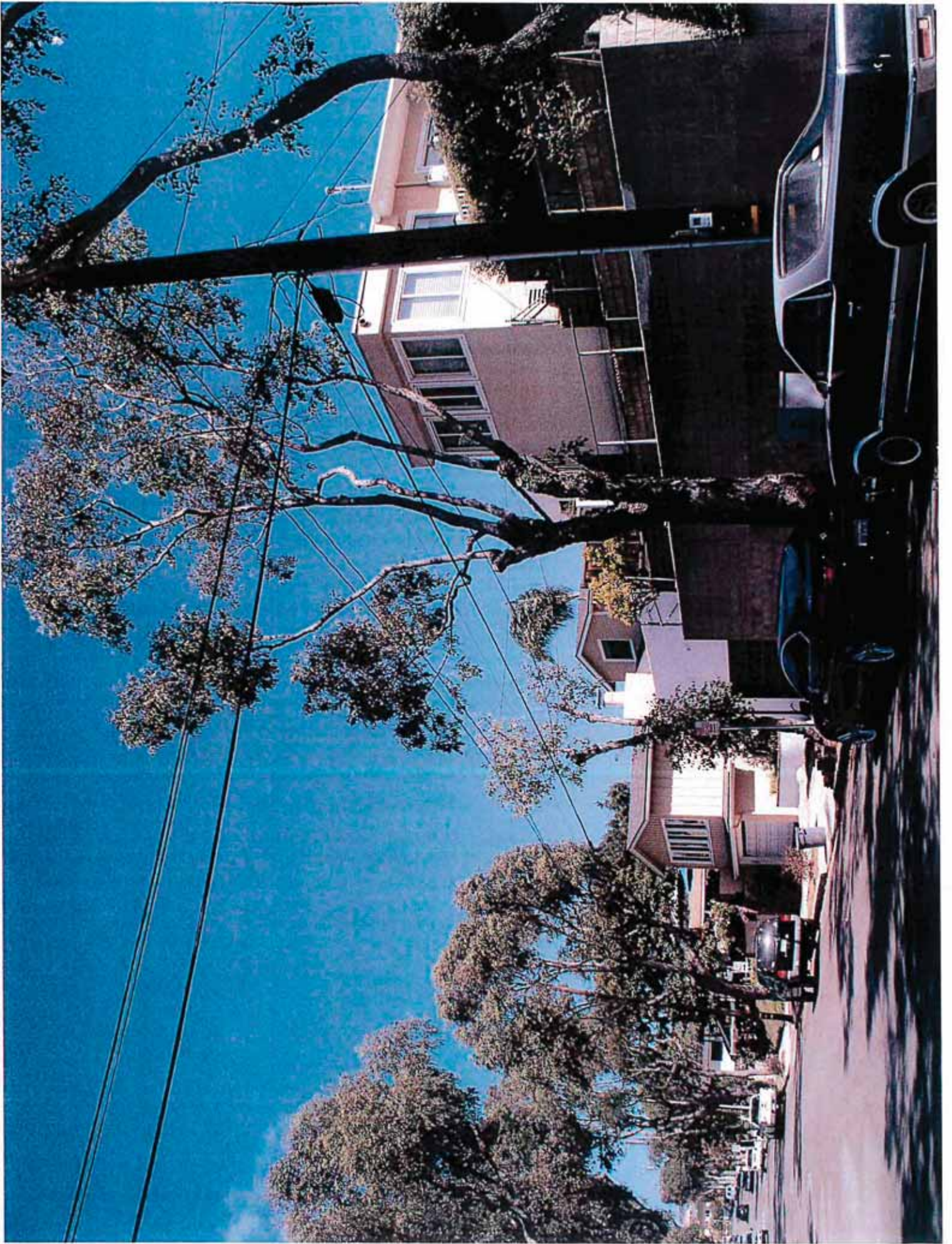
**Description:** Causes a brown rot (1). The soft, fleshy, and moist conks which range from 2 to 12 inches wide are bright orange-yellow above and red-yellow on the pore surface below. They become hard, brittle and white with age. Conks are produced annually and appear singly or in clusters, usually in the fall (17). They do not occur until many years after the onset of decay (15). The brown rot resembles charcoal, readily crumbles (3) and splits into cubes (10).


**Significance:** The fungus causes a red-brown heartrot of living trees but and will also decay dead trees (13). Relative decay rate in oaks is slow (9). Lower trunk decay increases susceptibility to windthrow. This fungus may decay the lower 16 feet of trunk, and extend below ground to cause failure at the soil line (13). It is one of the most serious causes of decay in oaks, and one of the very few fungi that cause decay in yew trees (4). Sporophores on a living trunk indicate extensive internal decay and the likelihood of breakage or uprooting by wind (13). Sulfur fungus attacks most hardwoods and conifers, both living and dead, and is very common on stumps. It is mainly important as a butt and heartrot of hardwoods, especially eucalyptus (11).

**Mode of Infection:** Decay is most extensive when wounds are large, as decay usually does not develop in wounds less than 2 inches wide. This fungus usually enters the trunk through bark wounds and dead branch stubs (12).

**Hosts:** (4, 7, 13) acacia, ash, beech, birch, cherry, chestnut, elm, eucalyptus, fir, hackberry, blacklocust, honeylocust, maple, oak, peppertree, pine, poplar, spruce, tuliptree, walnut and yew.





A photograph of a tree trunk showing significant decay. The wood is dark brown and heavily textured with deep cracks and grooves. A white rectangular label is placed on the ground next to the tree, with two arrows pointing to the decayed wood. The ground is covered with reddish-brown mulch and some fallen leaves. A concrete sidewalk is visible in the bottom right corner.

Sulfur Pungus  
Conks

↑ old tapping  
cuts  
poor branch attachment





old topping cuts  
↑  
pruned branch  
↑  
attachments



branch beginning  
to decline  
bark peeling off





## *Geijera parviflora*

gye-JER-uh  
par-vih-FLOR-uh

(Australian Willow, Wilga)  
*Rutaceae* (Rue family)  
Origin: Southern Australia

### Species characteristics:

Form - Evergreen. Graceful, fine textured tree with dense, rounded crown of moderate growth to 40' and 20 - 25' spread. Pendent twigs and leaves give a weeping effect suggestive of weeping willow, but more delicate and compact.

Trunk - Smooth light gray when young, becoming roughened, and reddish brown with age.

Foliage - Leaves narrow, light olive green 3 - 6" long and 1/4" wide with slight curvature.

Flowers/fruit - Small cream-colored flowers in terminal clusters on branchlets from spring to autumn.

No significant pest problems are known at this time.

### Site suitability:

Sunset zones - 8, 9, and 12 - 24.

Clearances - Suitable for 5' minimum parkways, medians or cutouts.

Good for street sides, medians, parks and lawns.

### Culture considerations:

So long as soils are well drained tolerant of a wide range of moisture levels and soils. Low maintenance once established. Prune young trees carefully. Maintain central leader as long as possible and avoid disturbing adjacent lateral limbs.

### Comments, notes:





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619-621 Poppy Ave, 531 Hazel Dr

Notified Properties



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# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item No. 5E  
November 5, 2013

**O:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation & Senior Services Department  
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**PREPARED BY:** Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent  
Patrick Thomas, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

**TITLE:** Corona del Mar Pocket Park Conceptual Plan Review

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Review and approve the Corona del Mar Pocket Park conceptual plan.

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

This project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2013-14. The estimated cost of the project is \$90,000. Funding will be provided from the City's General Fund.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The property owner at 3140 East Coast Highway (Hobie Surf Shop) has expressed interest in donating a portion of their real property to the City for the construction of a new pocket park. This new pocket park is located just north of the Hobie Surf Shop (Attachment A) and will be approximately 1,300 square feet. Park features include terraced, drought tolerant landscaping, irrigation system, low block retaining walls, concrete seating and walkway, and up-lights for the existing adjacent Hobie wall mural. The conceptual plan for the park improvements has been prepared by the City's landscape design consultant, Borthwick Guy Bettenhausen, Inc., and is included as Attachment B.

A preliminary environmental assessment was conducted on the property and determined that no sensitive plant species exist. Staff has determined this project is exempt from CEQA as a minor modification to existing land and will be preparing a Notice of Exemption for the project.

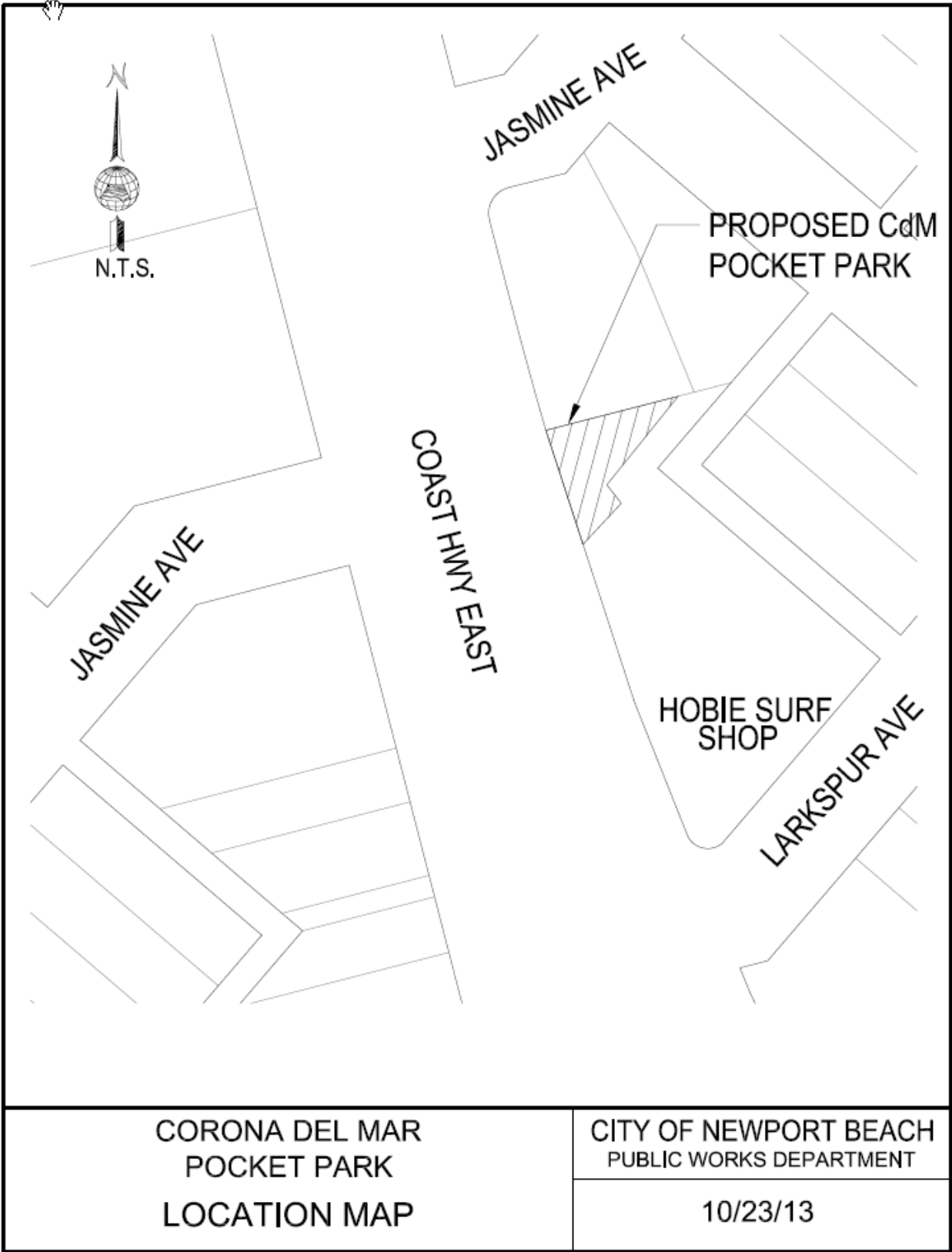
Following approval of conceptual plans, staff will be working with the landscape design consultant to prepare final construction plans and specifications. Staff will also be

finalizing the Donation Agreement with the property owner. Estimated schedule for final design is four months. Staff anticipates soliciting bids and beginning construction in spring 2014.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Commission considers the item). Residents within 300 feet of Corona del Mar Pocket Park were noticed.

Attachments:     A. Location Map  
                         B. Conceptual Plan





## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

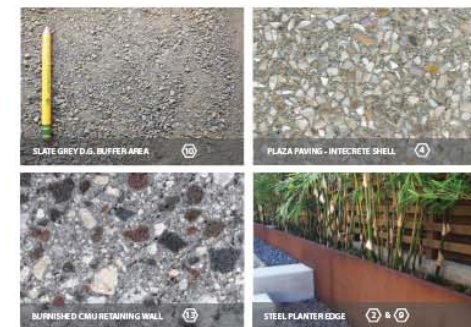
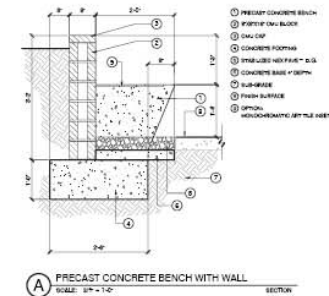
**Location:** The site is located on the inland side of Pacific Coast Highway between Jaurine Ave. and Larkspur Ave. on the north side of the Hobie Sports Building.

**Descriptions:** The lot is triangular, sloping up towards the rear of the property. It is visually dominated by a tall masonry block wall that is used by Hobie Sports as a public art mural, which changes seasonally. This art wall use is planned to continue (along with accent lighting), so the park design will accommodate mural changes and maintenance. The art wall provides a visually exciting element to the GDM streetscape and is considered as asset to the park.

**Design Concept:** In order to complement the art wall element, the proposed low retaining walls and seating plaza will intersect the art wall at right angles and strengthen the geometric nature of the site. Utilizing linear design elements will also simplify construction and reduce project cost. The overall theme of the Pocket Park will be simple, clean, and contemporary.

**Landscape:** Plant material will be selected to reflect a low-maintenance palette including grasses, succulents, and related drought tolerant plantings. Irrigation will be subterranean drip line to avoid overspray and runoff.

## PLANT MATERIAL



Scale: 1/8"=1'-0"

# Conceptual Landscape Plan

## POCKET PARK - Corona del Mar

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CA.

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2013

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